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MINA THE
MONGOOSE
TAKES
NOTES
IN
"SHE'S
GOTTA
HAVE
HIM"

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

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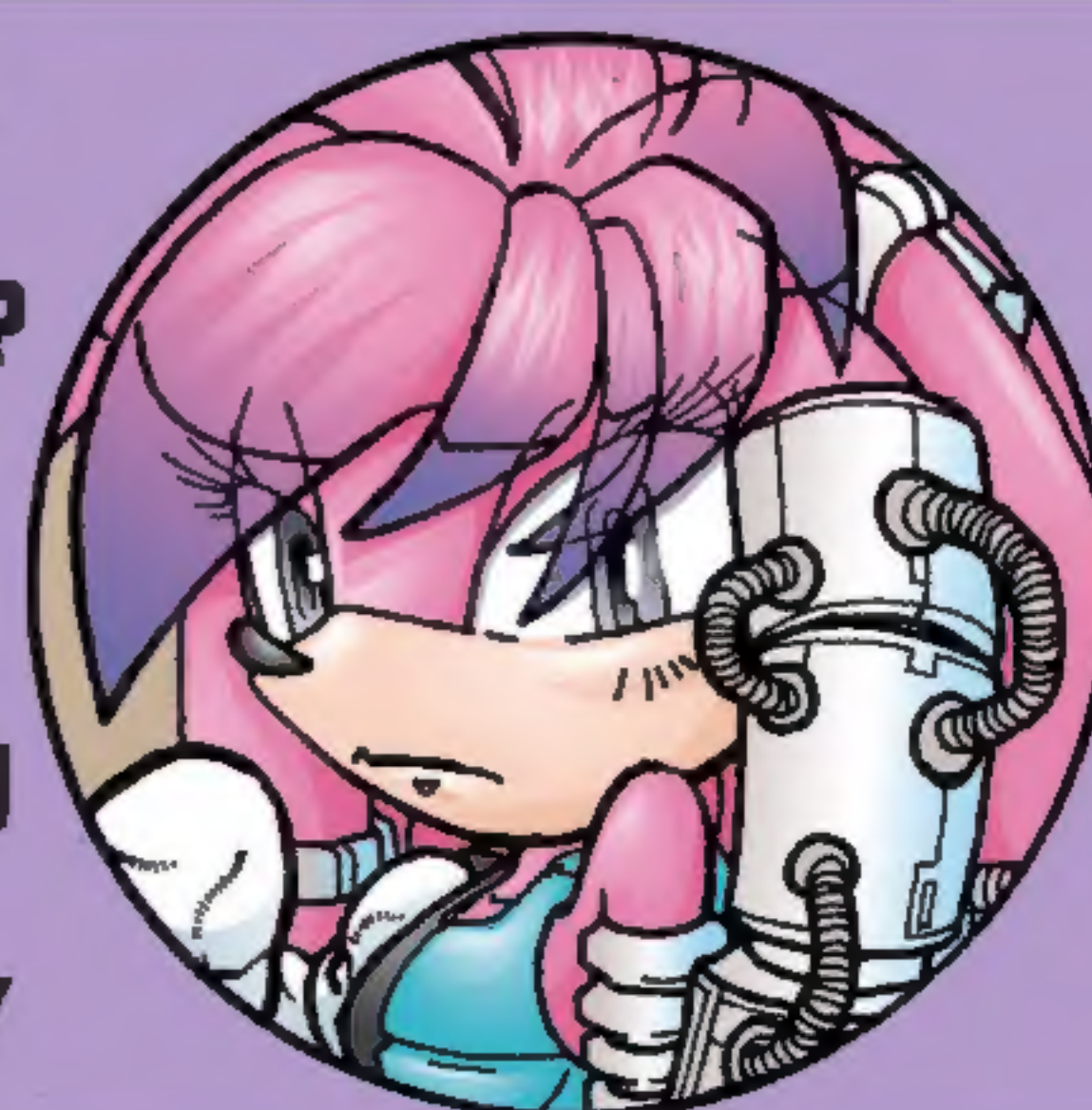


PLUS:

WHAT IS
"THE ROYAL
SIGNET?"
EXACTLY,
AND WHAT
IMPRESSION
DID IT MAKE
ON PRINCESS
SALLY?



"THOSE WERE
THE DAYS,"
WEREN'T THEY?
WALK DOWN
ECHIDNA
MEMORY
LANE JULIE-SU
STYLE AND
FIND OUT WHY





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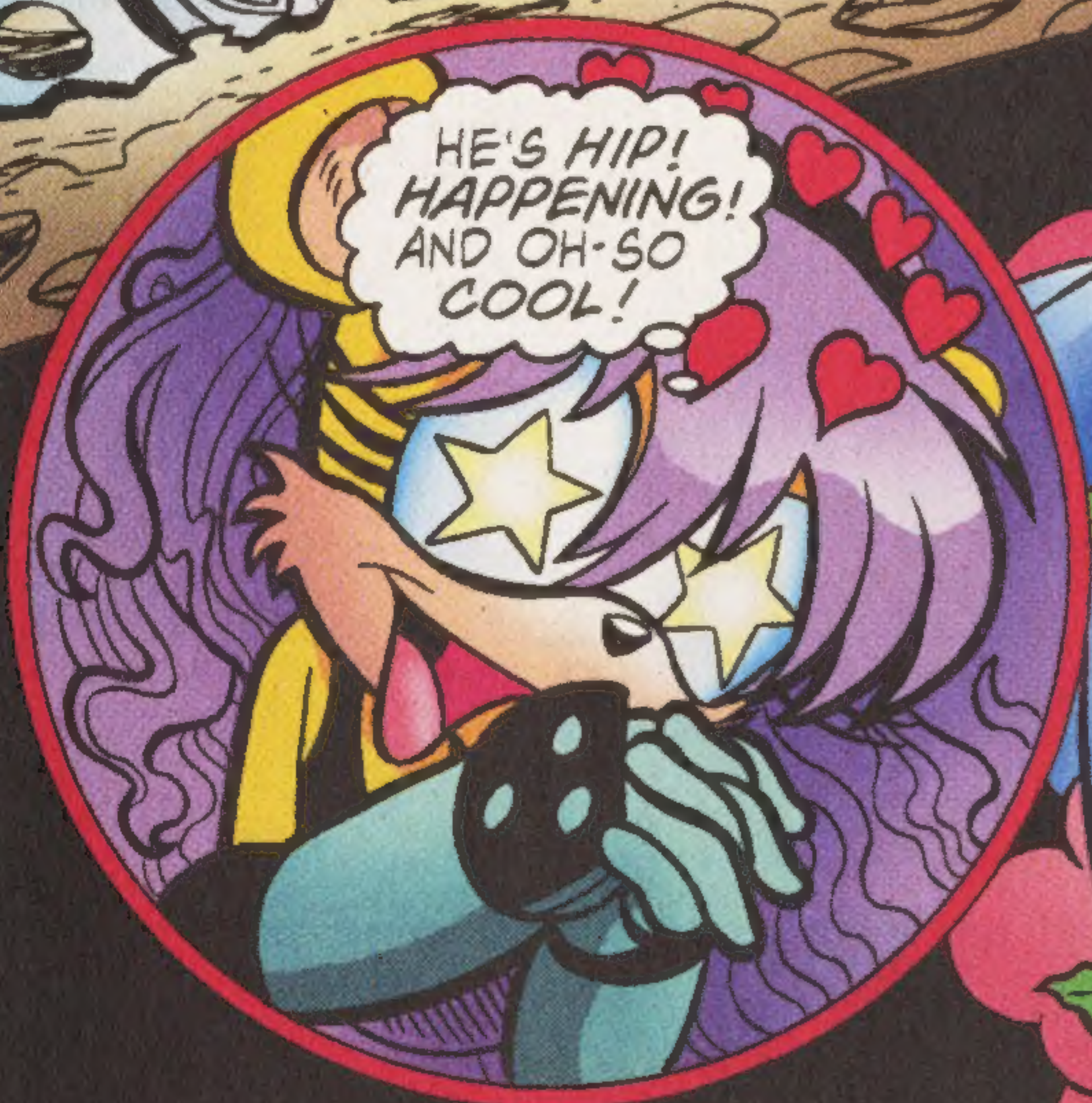


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SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
SO MUCH!



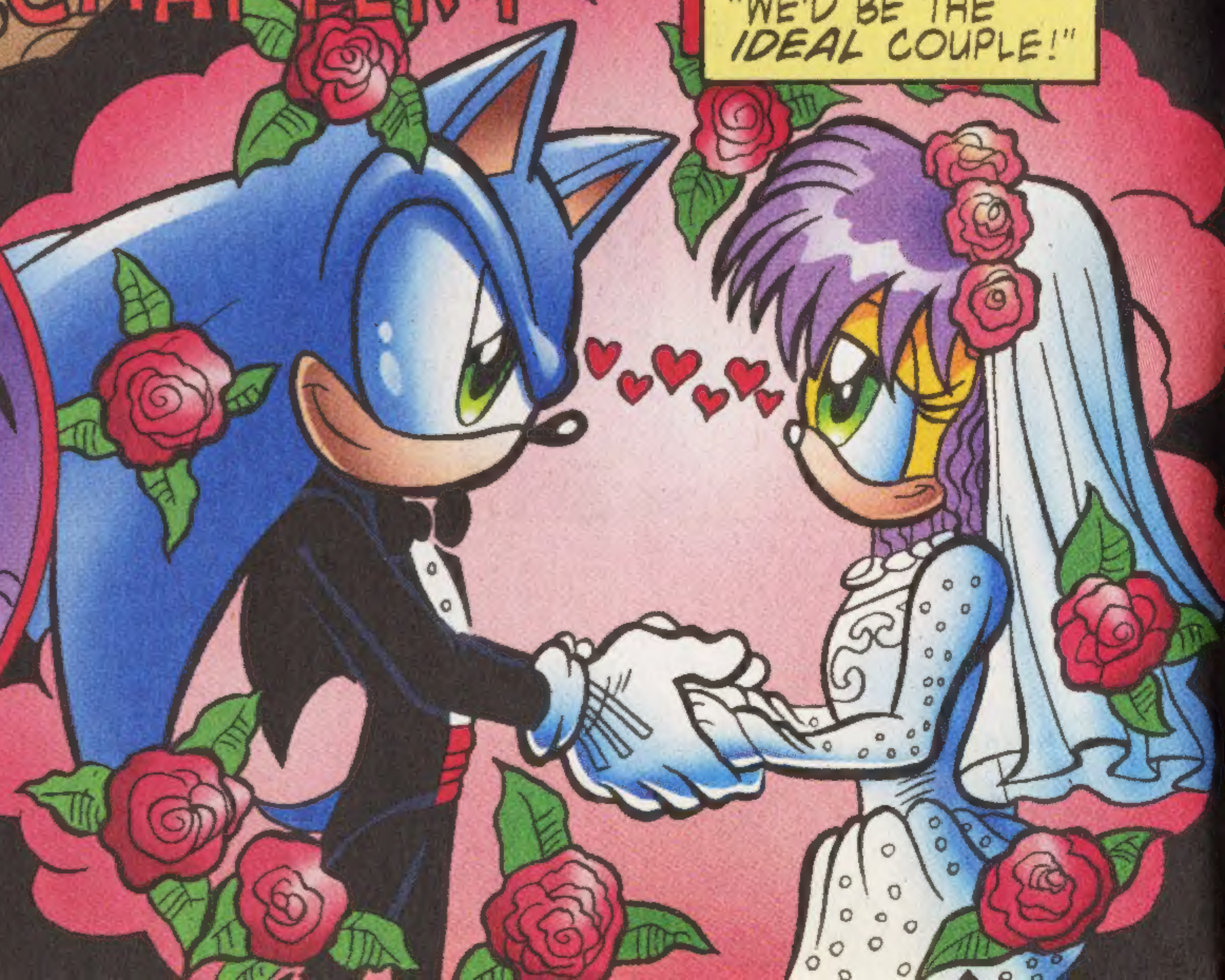
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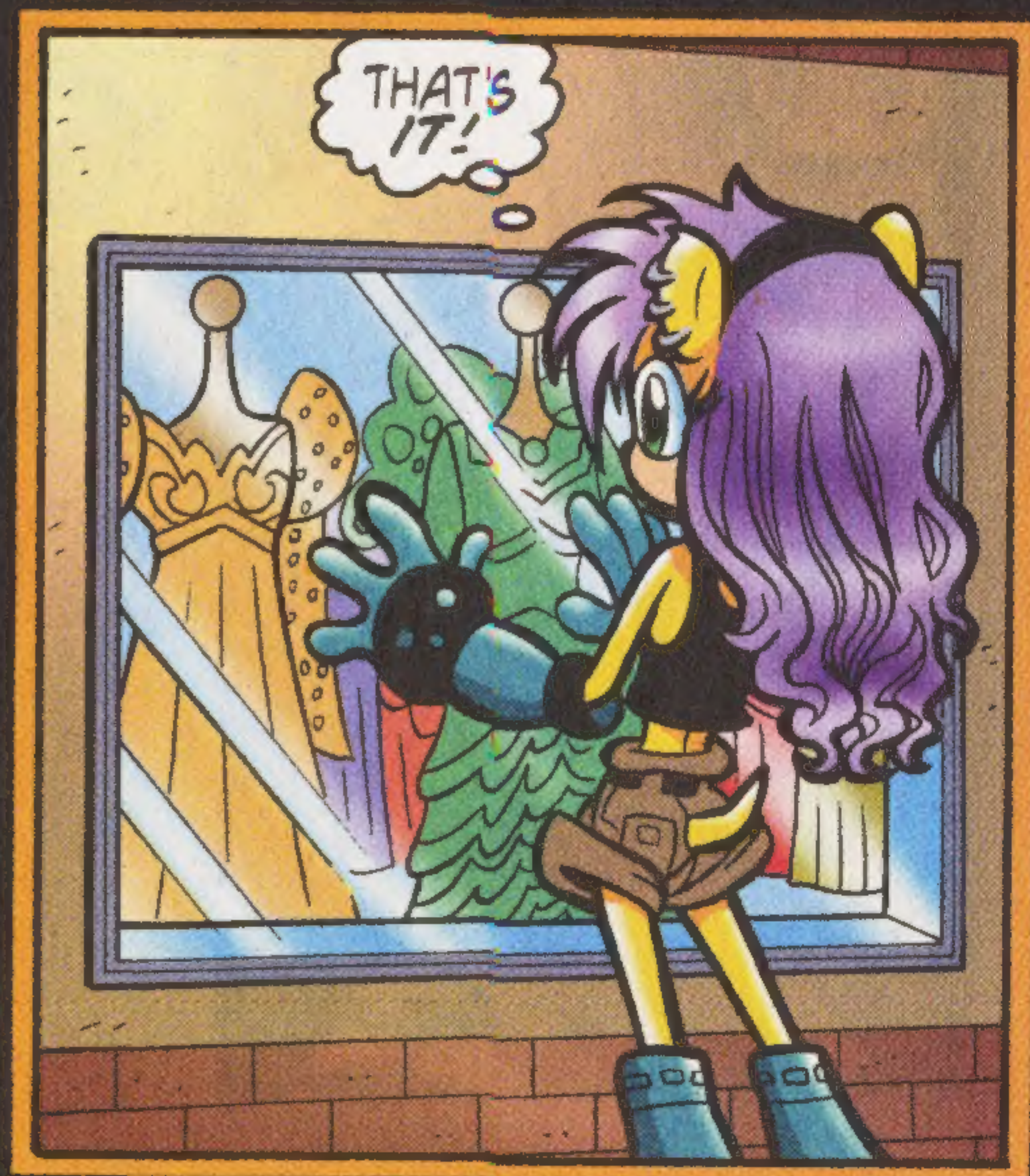
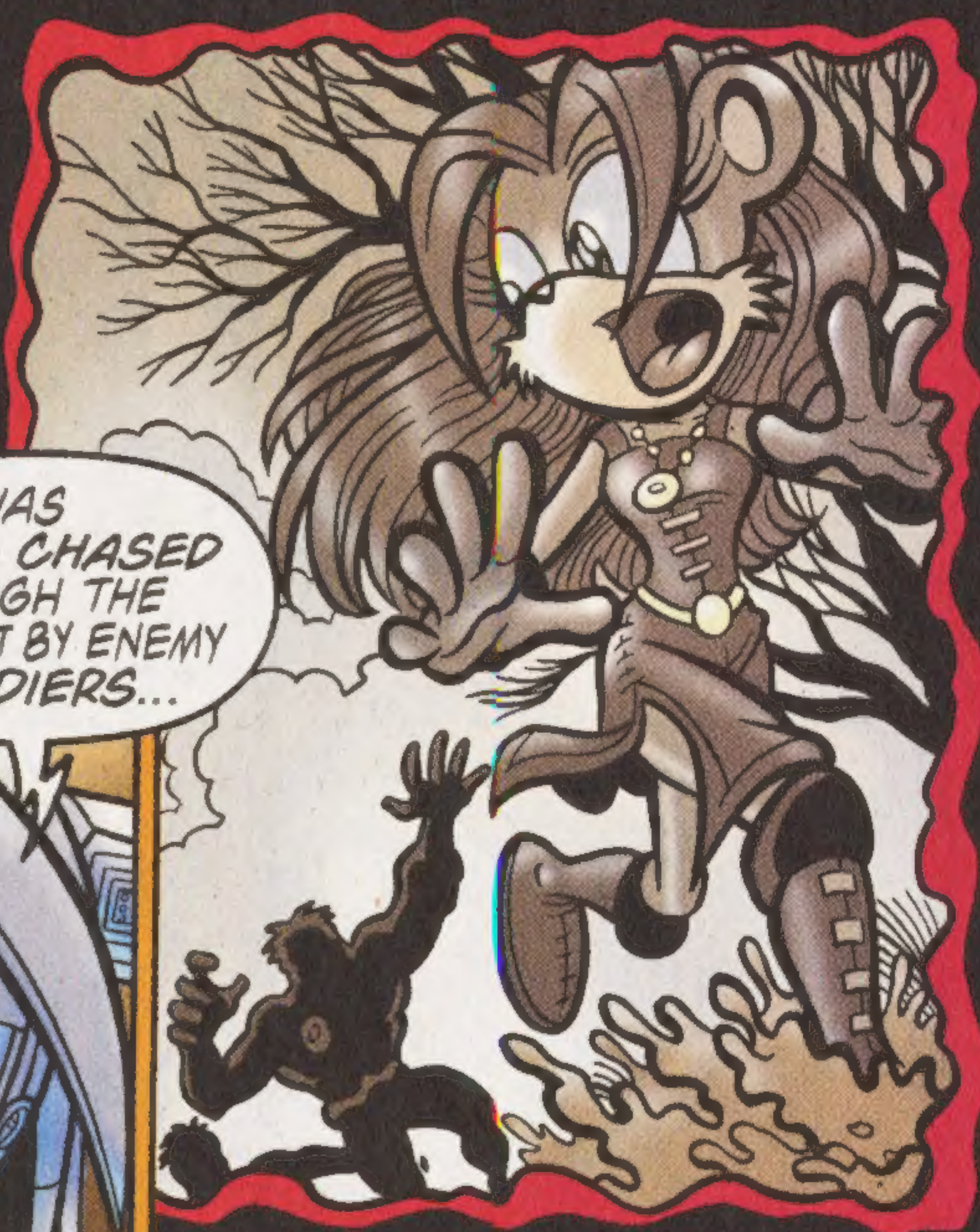
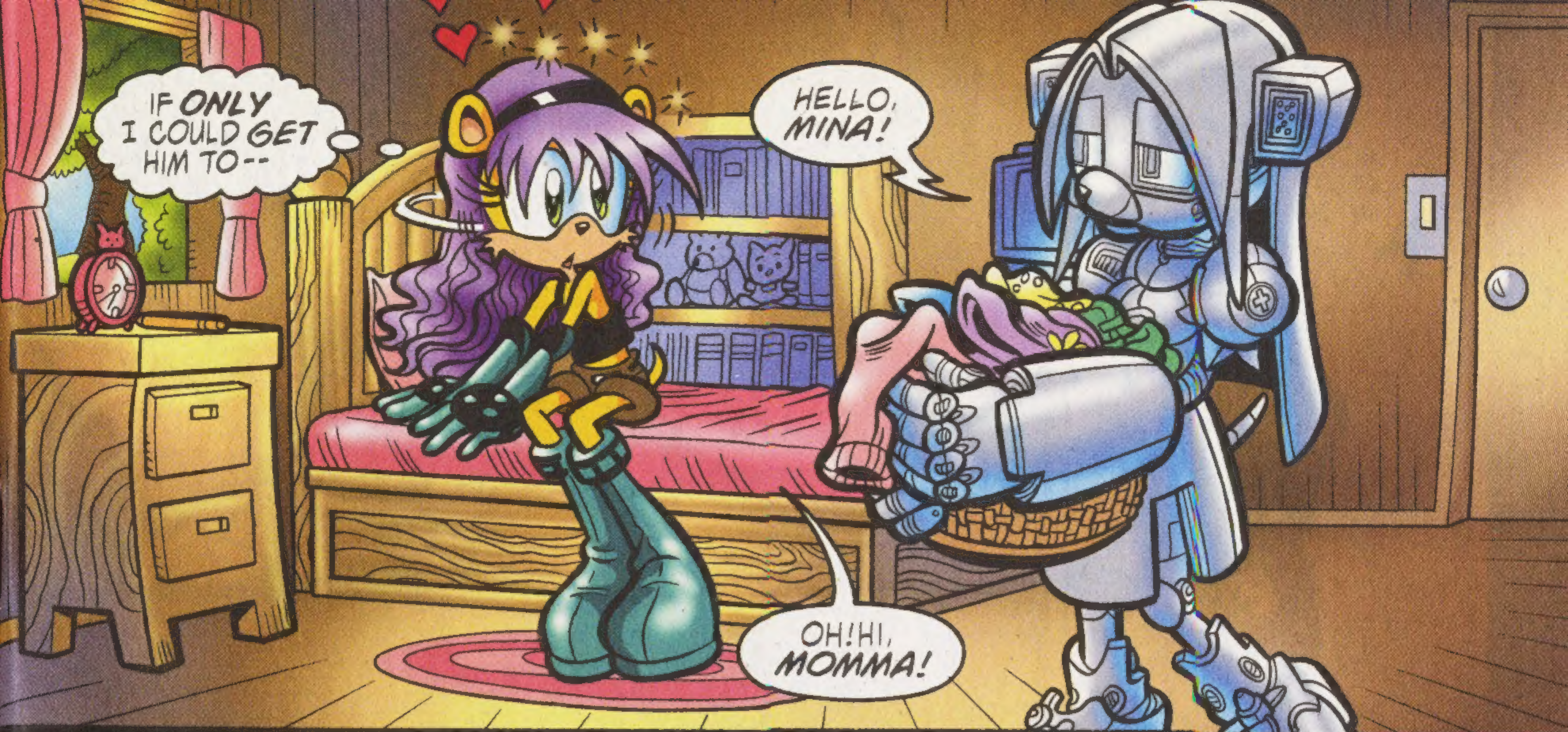
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HE'S HIP!
HAPPENING!
AND OH-SO
COOL!

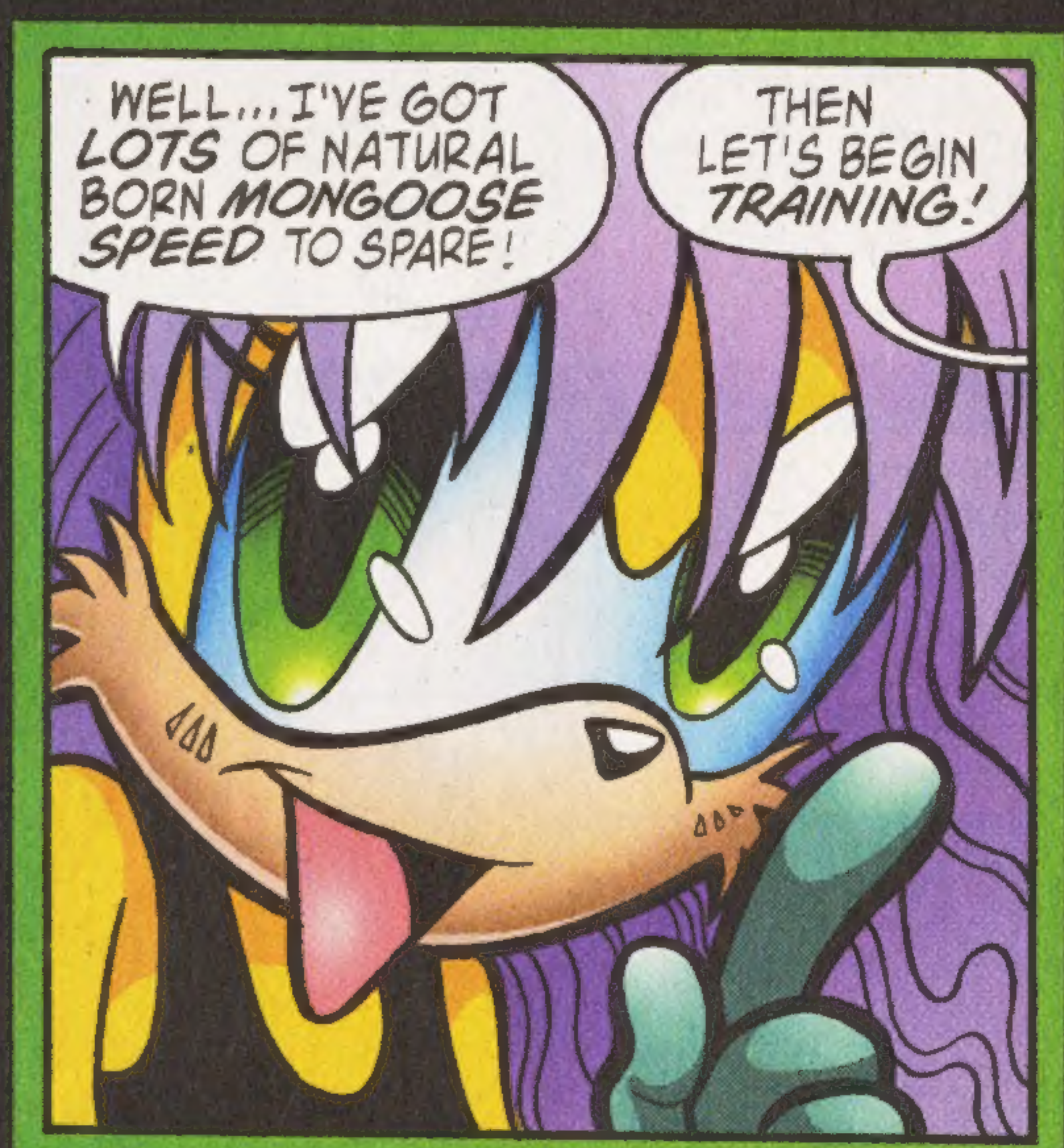
"WE'D BE THE
IDEAL COUPLE!"

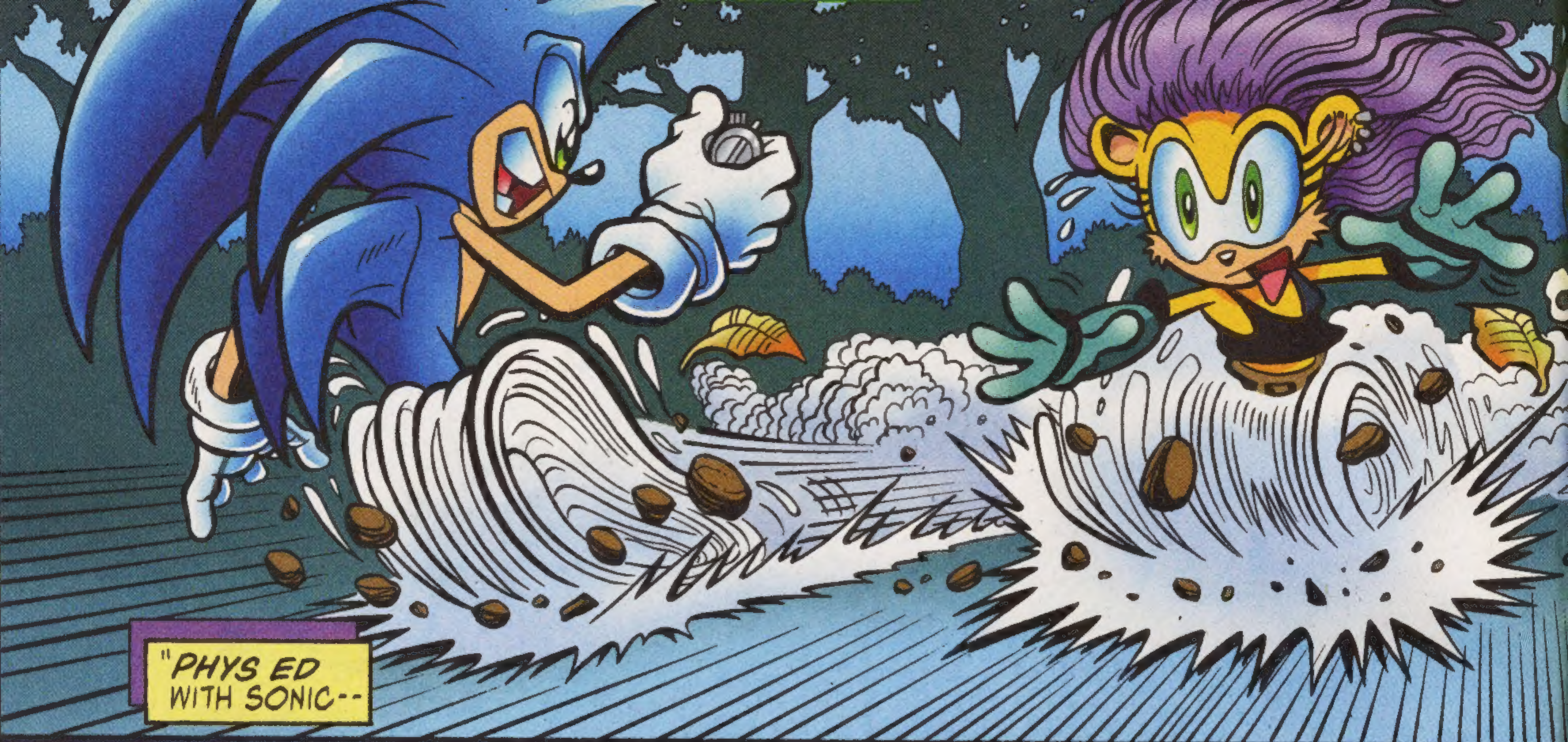




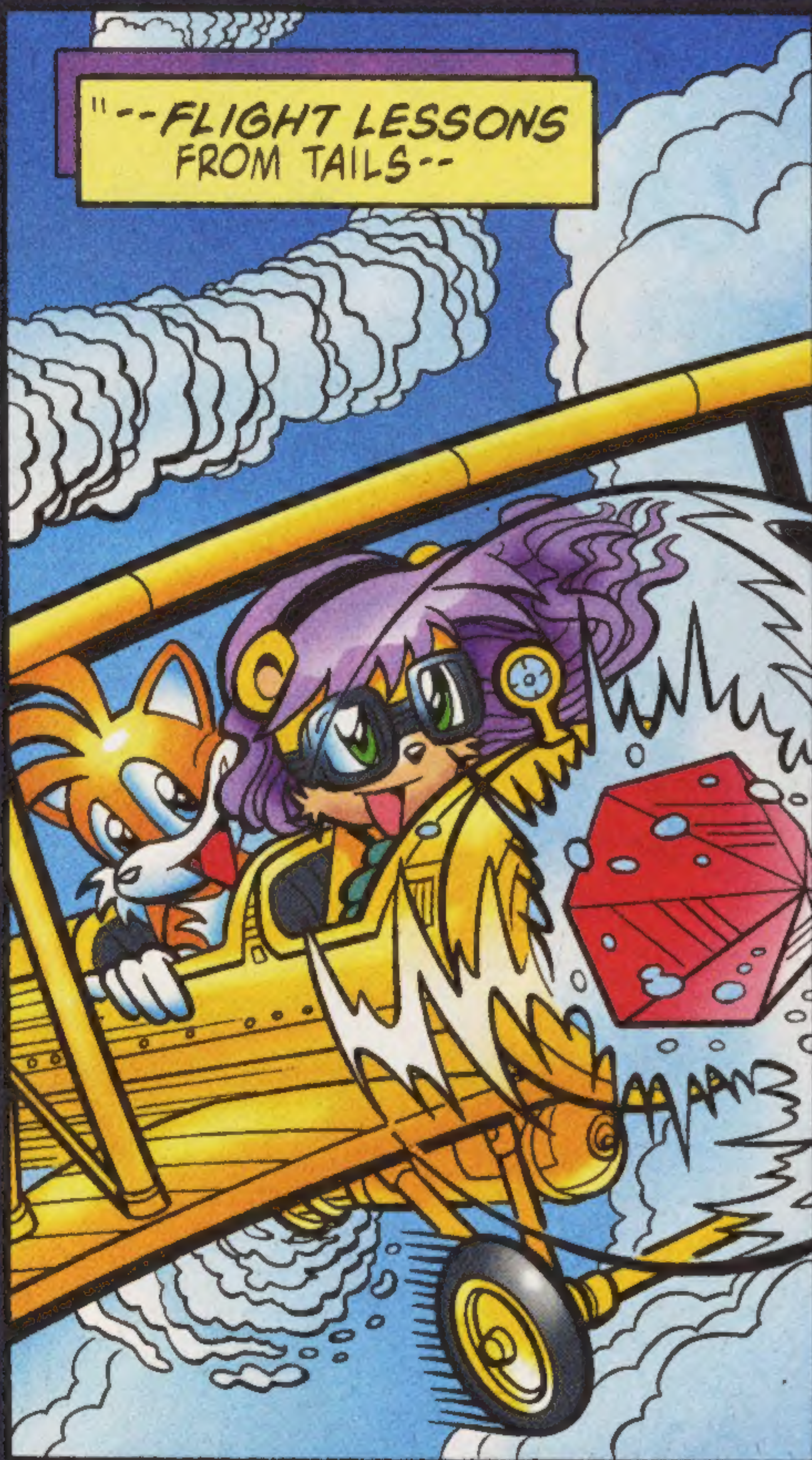
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CHAPTER 2





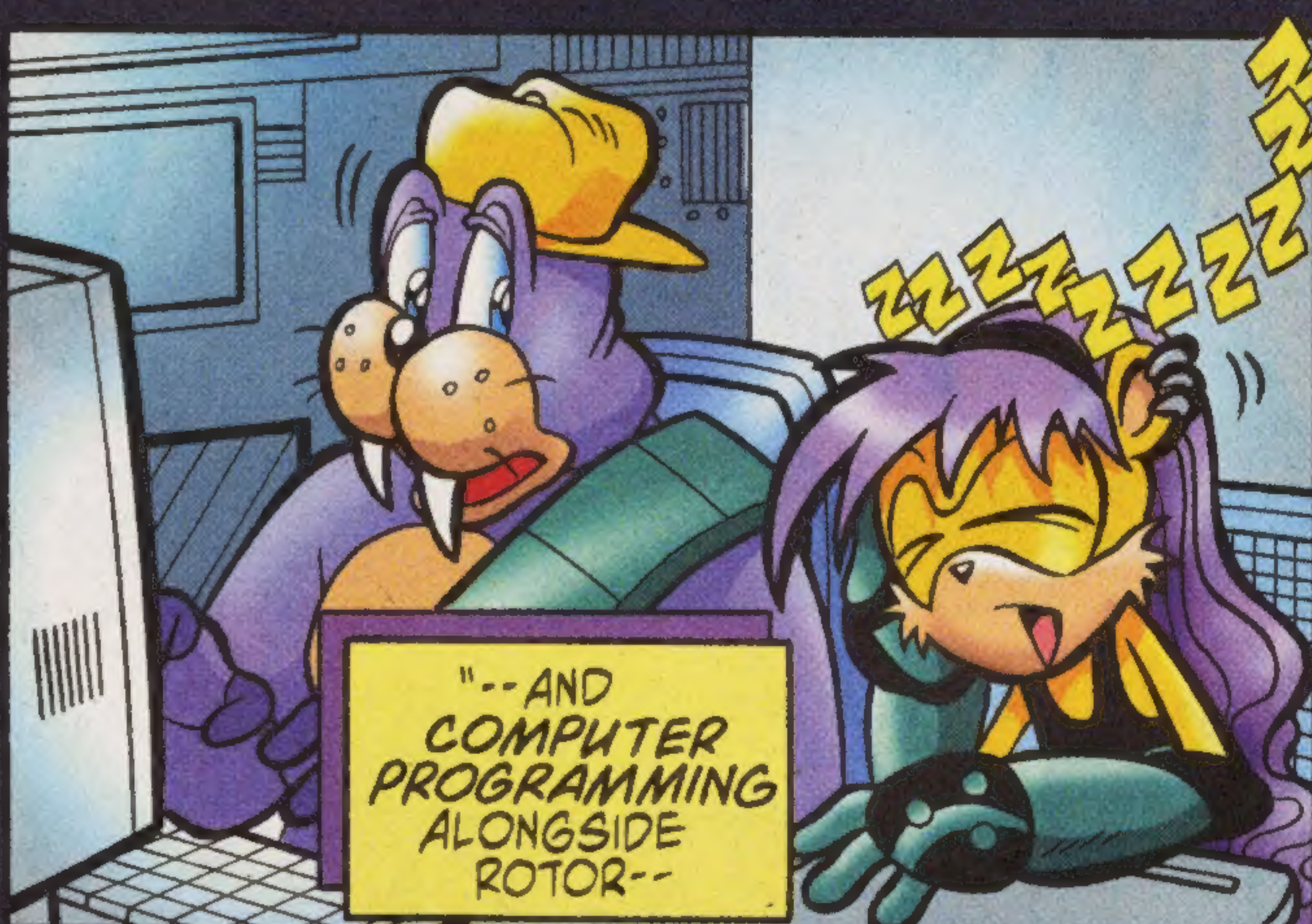
"PHYS ED
WITH SONIC--"



"--FLIGHT LESSONS
FROM TAILS--"



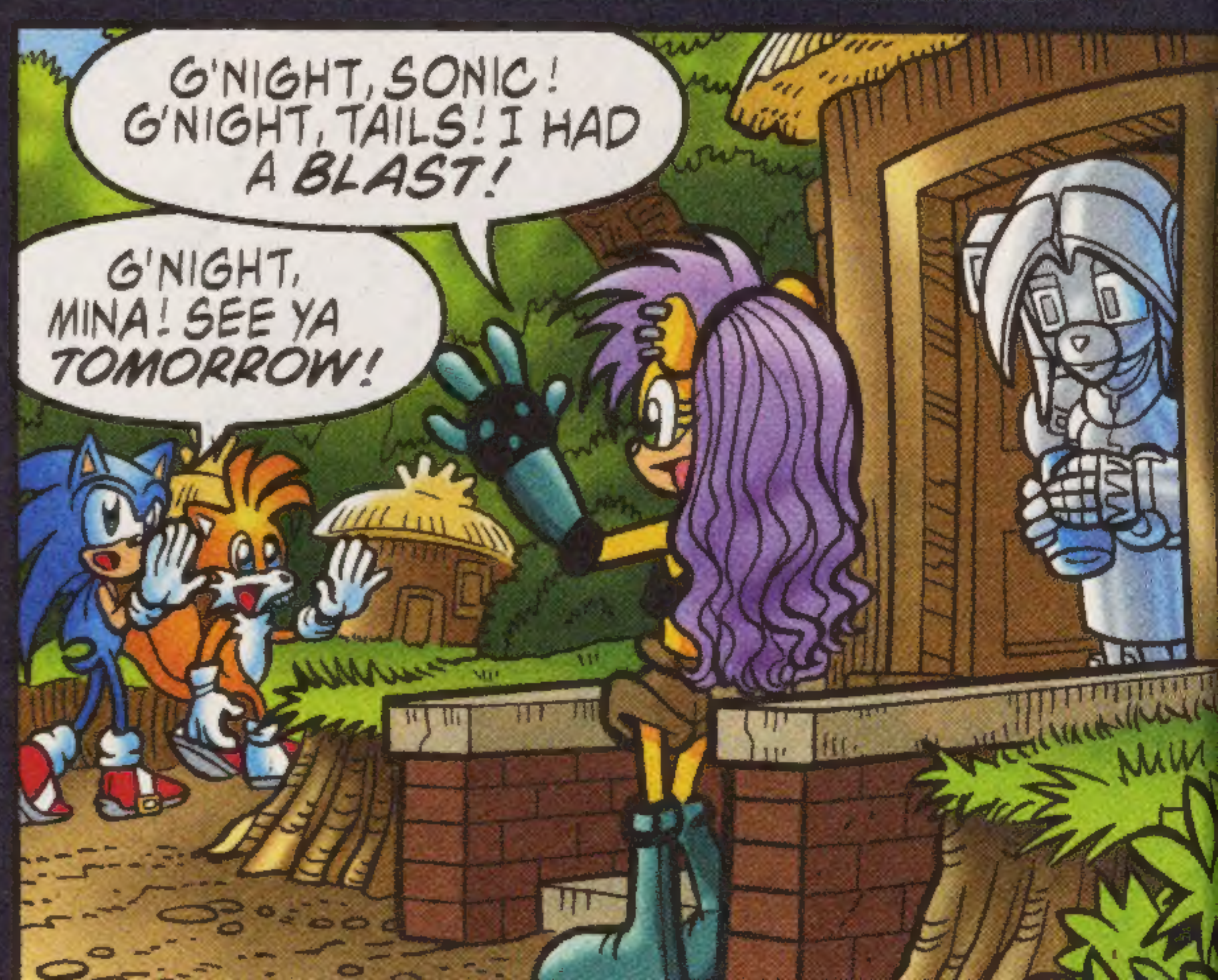
"--DEFENSIVE
SWORDPLAY AGAINST
ANTOINE--"



"--AND
COMPUTER
PROGRAMMING
ALONGSIDE
ROTOR--"

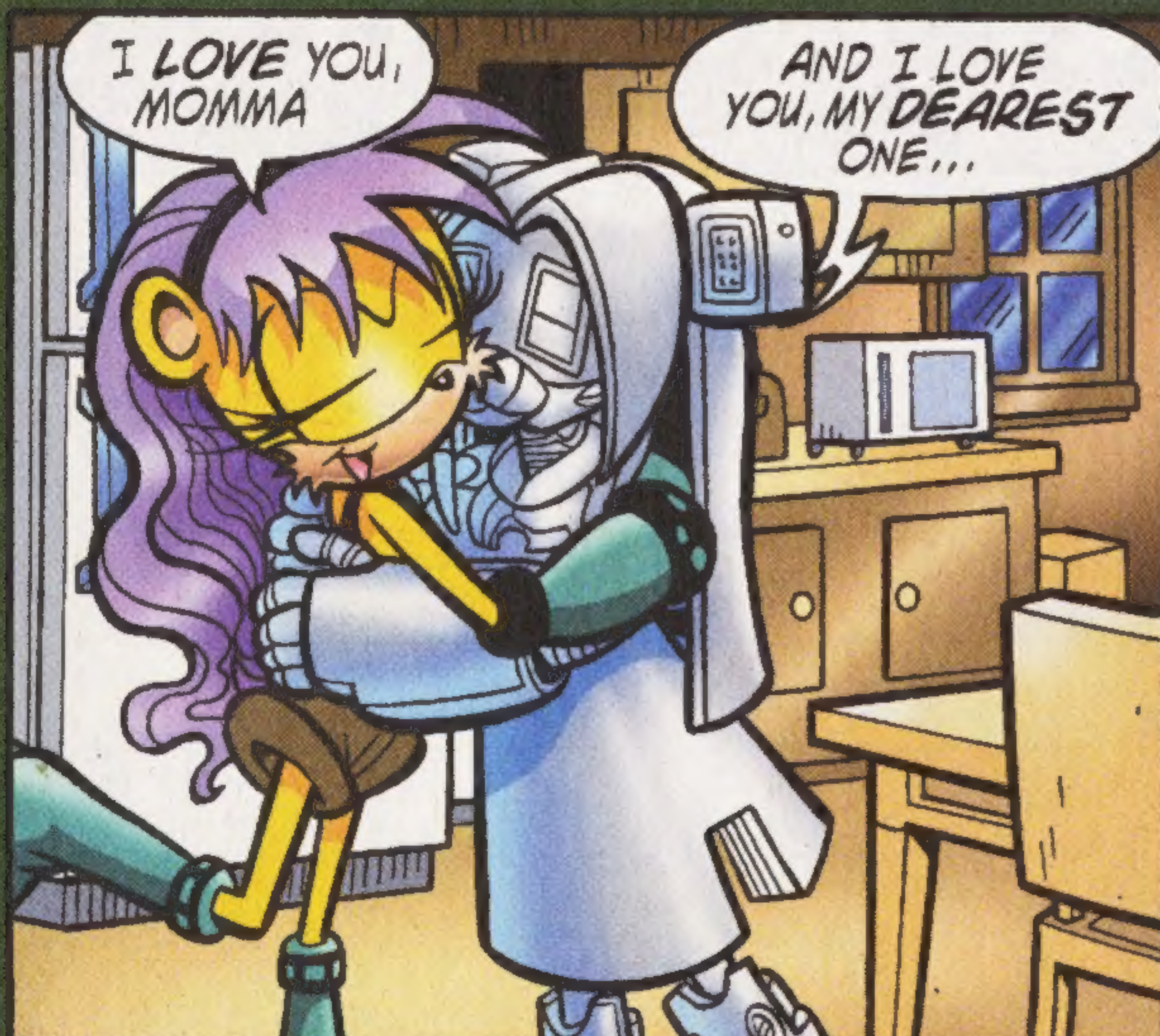
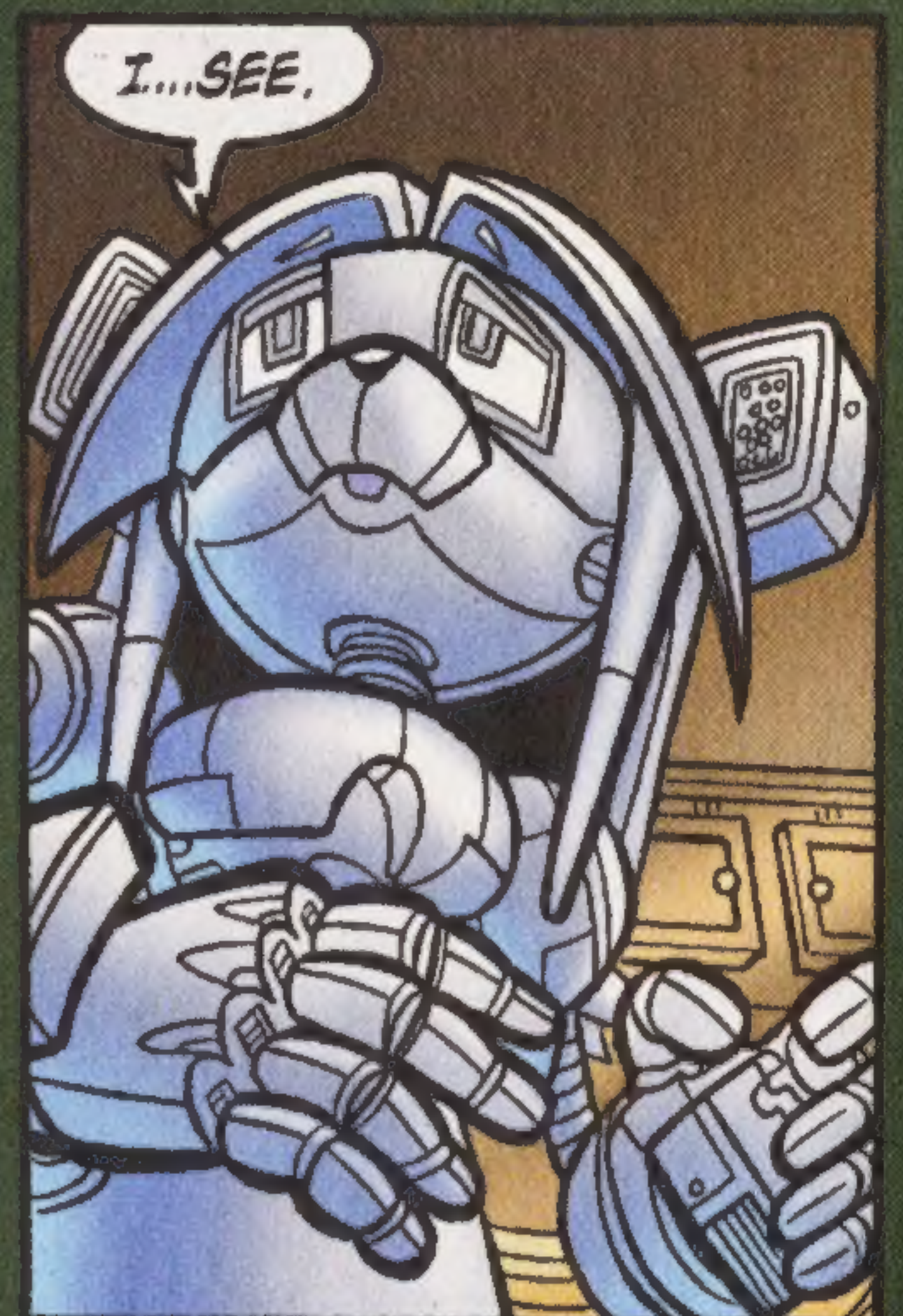
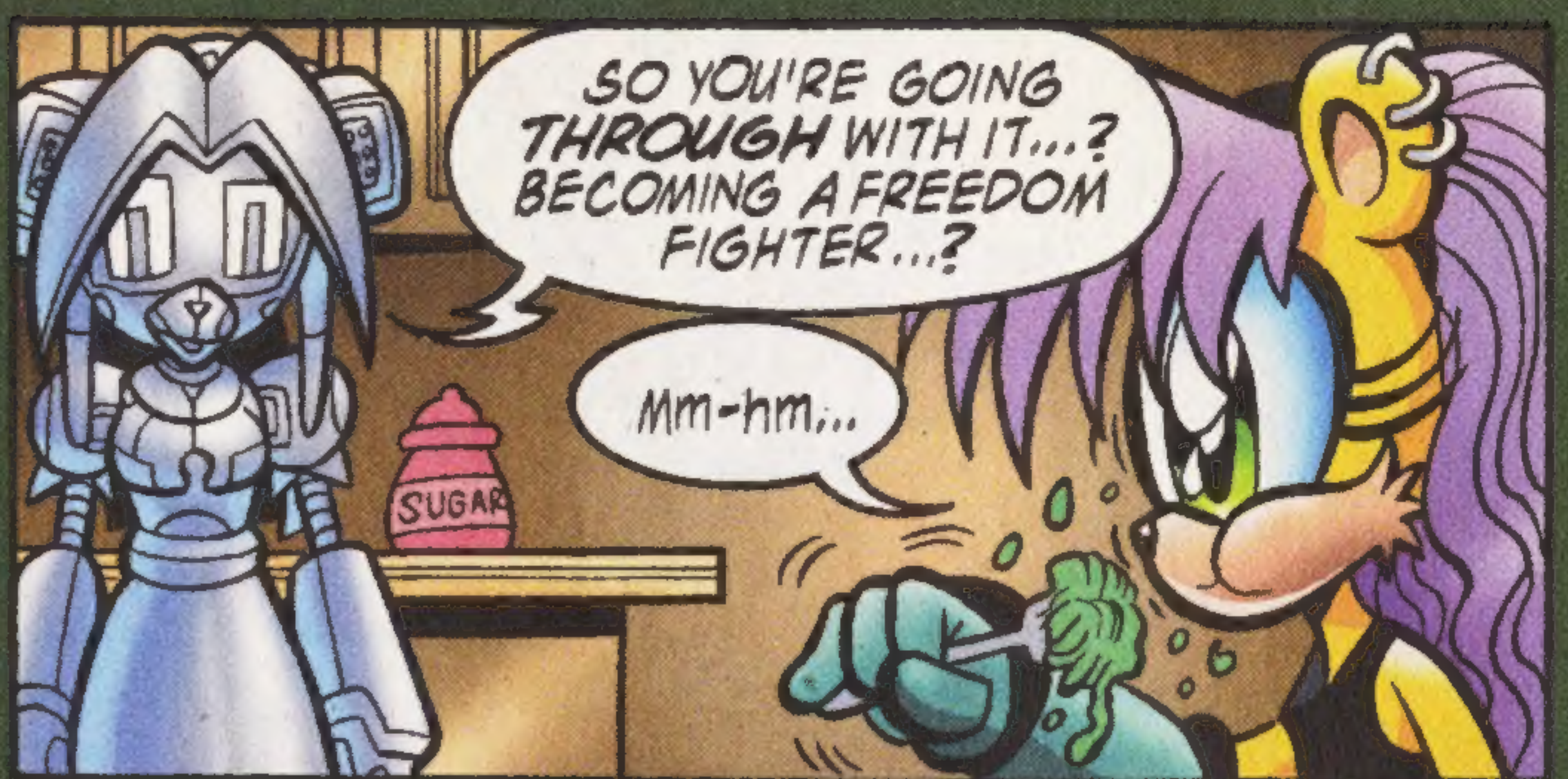
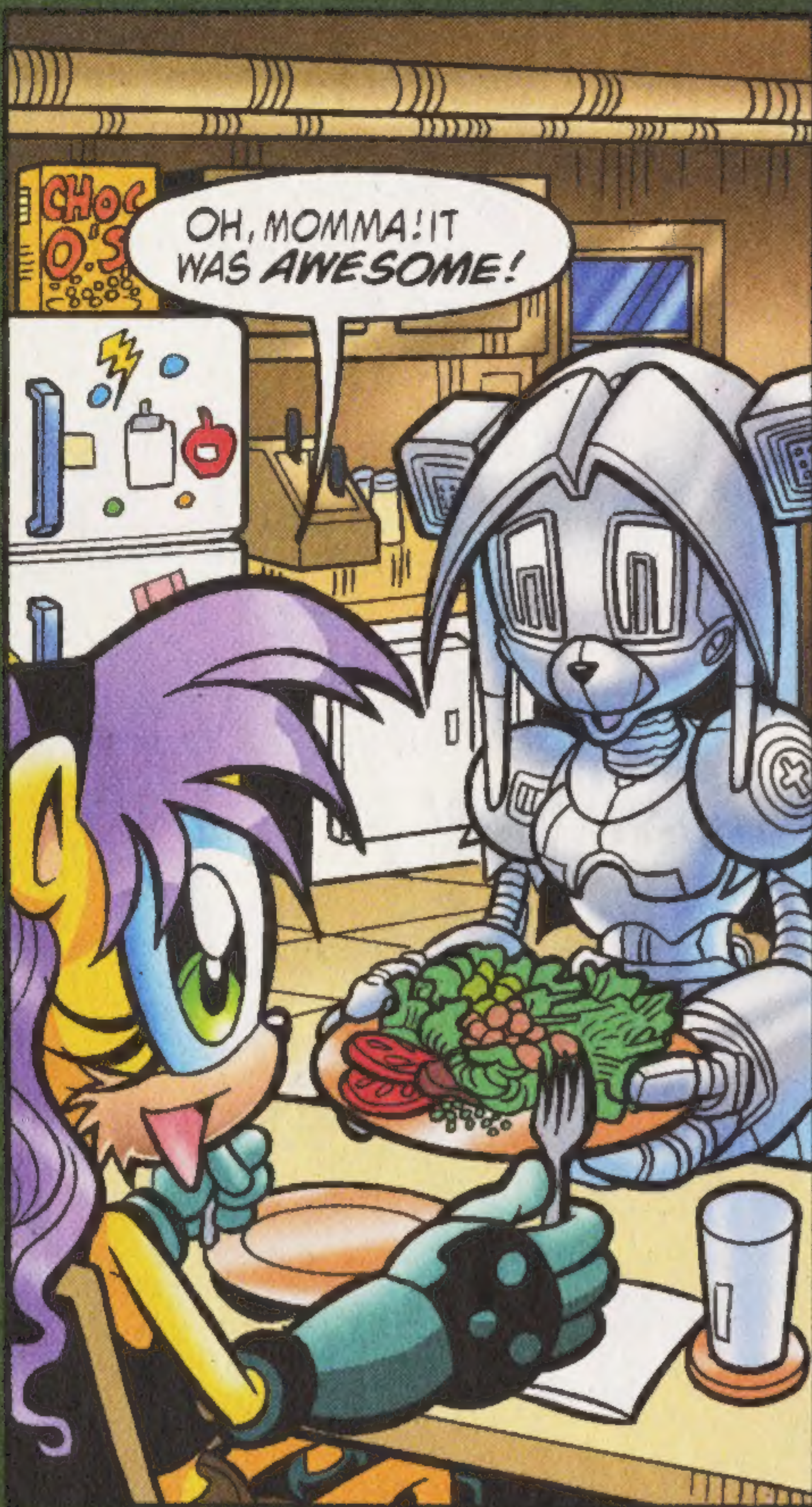


"--WILL ALL
HELP ON THE
ROAD TO
BECOMING A
WELL-ROUNDED
FREEDOM
FIGHTER."



G'NIGHT, SONIC!
G'NIGHT, TAILS! I HAD
A BLAST!

G'NIGHT,
MINA! SEE YA
TOMORROW!





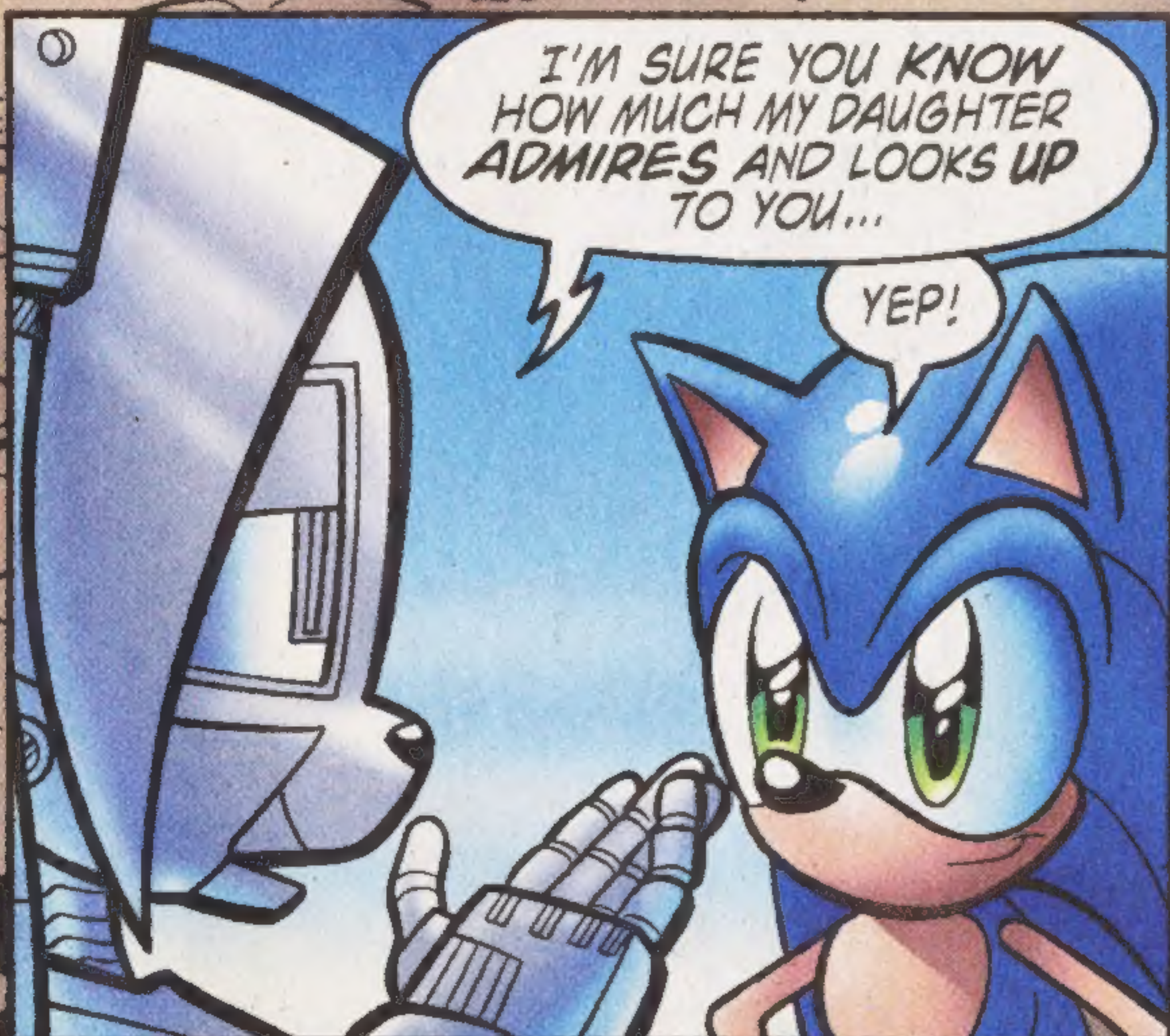
LAST ONE TO
THE TRAINING COM-
POUND IS A ROTTEN
EGG!

MAY I HAVE
A WORD WITH
YOU, YOUNG
HEDGEHOG?

SURE THING MRS.
MONGOOSE!

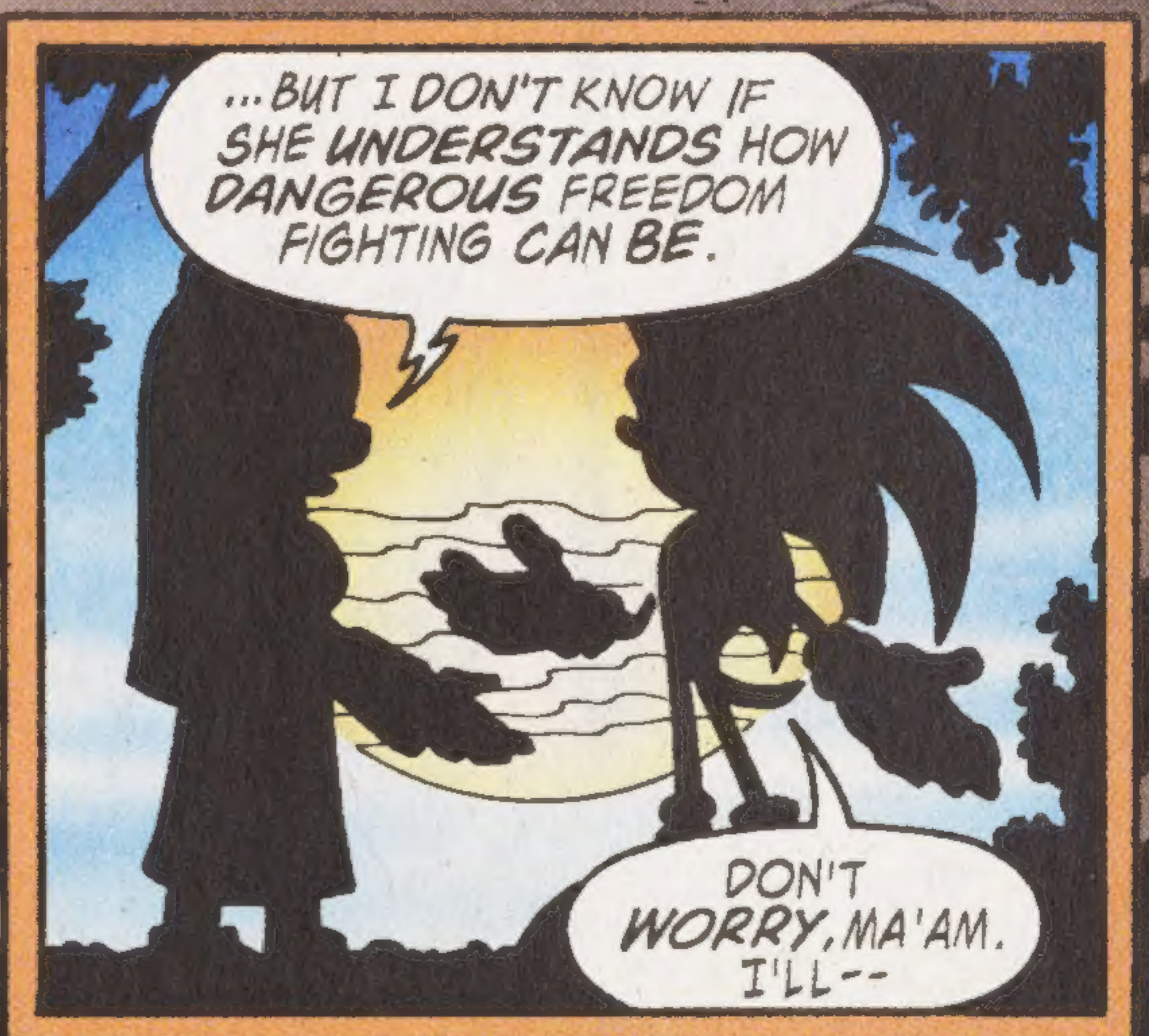
I'M
GONNA
BEAT
YOU!

SHE'S GOTTA HAVE HIM CHAPTER 3



I'M SURE YOU KNOW
HOW MUCH MY DAUGHTER
ADMIRE'S AND LOOKS UP
TO YOU...

YEP!



...BUT I DON'T KNOW IF
SHE UNDERSTANDS HOW
DANGEROUS FREEDOM
FIGHTING CAN BE.

DON'T
WORRY, MA'AM.
I'LL--





HURRY,
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS!

YOU
HEARD THE
LADY--LET'S
DO IT TO IT!

EVERYTHING'S
HAPPENING SO FAST--
DON'T KNOW HOW TO HELP--

--BUT I'VE GOTTA
DO SOMETHING--



--IT'S IN MY
BLOOD!

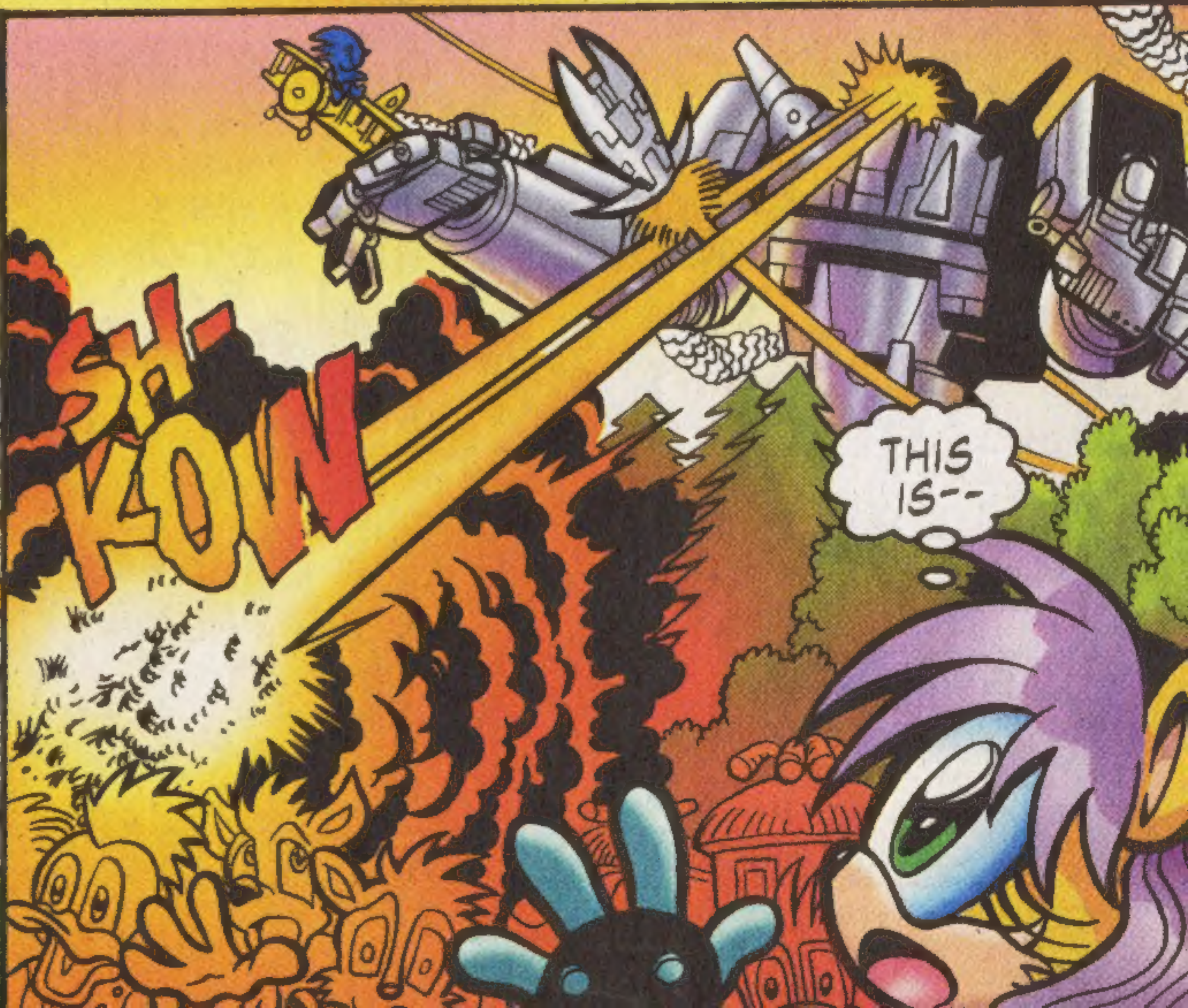
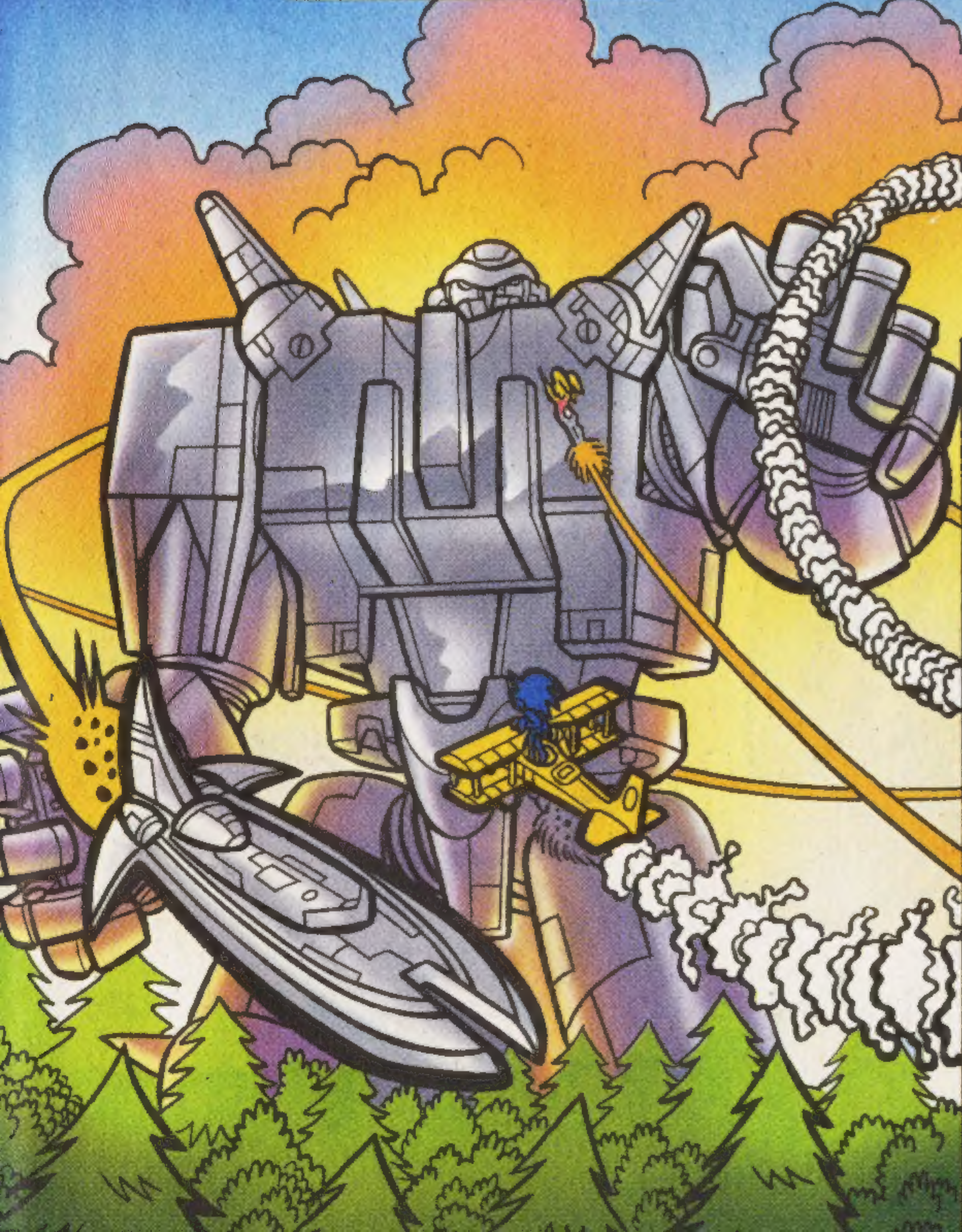
MINA!
SWEETIE, WAIT!



"OH NO! SHE
CAN'T HEAR ME!"

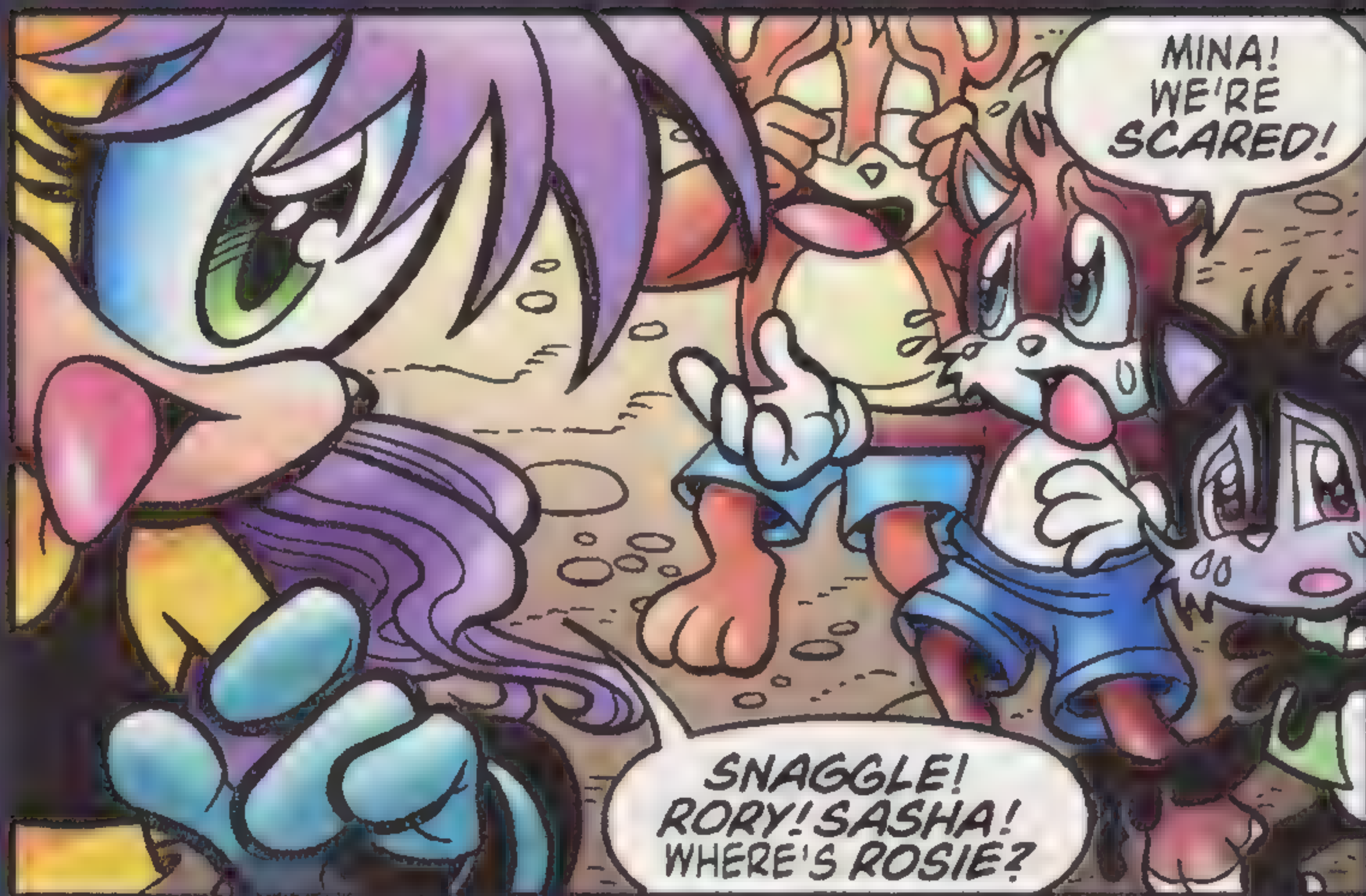


KRRRKL!!!



SH-
KOW

THIS
IS--



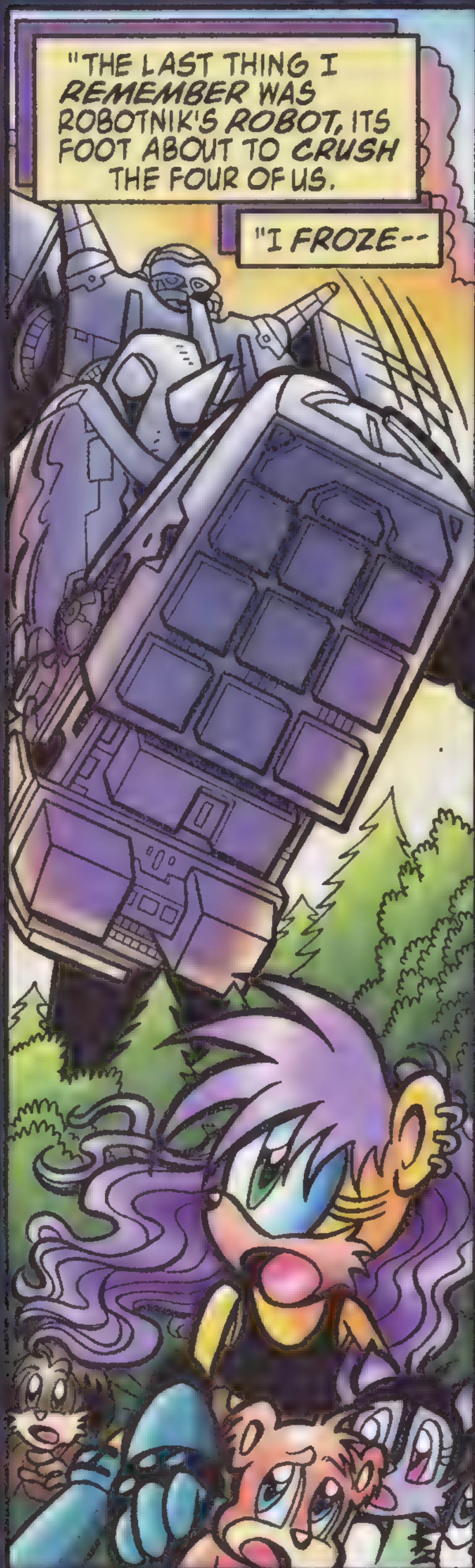
MINA!
WE'RE
SCARED!

SNAGGLE!
RORY! SASHA!
WHERE'S ROSIE?



WE DUNNO--
WE GOT LOST!

DON'T
WORRY, I'LL--



"THE LAST THING I
REMEMBER WAS
ROBOTNIK'S ROBOT, ITS
FOOT ABOUT TO CRUSH
THE FOUR OF US.

"I FROZE--



"--FORGOT HOW
TO BREATHE--



"--AND EVERYTHING
BLANKED OUT!--



"WHEN I
SNAPPED
OUT OF
IT AT
QUACK'S
CLINIC..."

MINA!
MINA,
IT'S OKAY.
IT'S OVER.

"...I FOUND OUT THAT ROBOTNIK'S ÜBER-BOT HAD BEEN STOPPED IN MID-STOMP BY ROTOR'S WONDER HACKING...

"...AND REALIZED I'D BEEN TRYING TO BE A FREEDOM FIGHTER FOR ALL THE WRONG REASONS.

"I CARED MORE ABOUT SONIC THAN ABOUT SAYING THE WORLD, AND IT NEARLY GOT ME KILLED.

"I WANTED TO GET HIS ATTENTION BUT NOT LIKE THAT..."

...SO I QUIT EVEN THOUGH I WON'T HAVE AN EXCUSE TO BE NEAR HIM ANYMORE.

OH HH...I'M SORRY, SWEETIE. A NICE HOT BATH WILL CHEER YOU UP!

FREEDOM FIGHTING ISN'T FOR EVERYBODY, TAILS.

MAYBE SHE'LL FIND SOMETHING ELSE SHE--

I'M SURE GONNA MISS HAVING MINA AROUND.

IS THAT SINGING COMING FROM MINA'S HUT? SHE'S DYNAMITE!

AREN'T YOU COMING, SONIC?

I'LL CATCH YA LATER, BUD THIS HEDGEHOG'S GONNA CHILL FOR A WHILE...

The End

HAVING SACRIFICED HIMSELF
FOR THE GOOD OF THE MANY
LAST ISSUE,

KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA

IS BEING REMEMBERED
BY THOSE CLOSEST TO HIM...

Julie Su
and
MIGHTY
THE ARMADILLO

THOSE
WERE
THE
DAYS

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING HERE,
JULIE-SU?

I'VE
BEEN LOOKING
ALL OVER FOR YOU
DURING THE PAST
FEW HOURS!

I WAS JUST
THINKING ABOUT THE
FIRST TIME I KISSED
KNUCKLES ON THIS VERY
SPOT NOT THAT LONG
AGO--*

*DEPENDING ON HOW YOU KEEP
TIME, IT HAPPENED BACK
IN KNUCKLES#16--JUSTIN.

WITH THE USUAL GANG--
KEN PENDERS-SCRIPT & INKS DAWN BEST-PENCILS VICKIE WILLIAMS-LETTERS
JENSEN-COLORIST JUSTIN GABRIE-EDITOR
--REMINISCING ABOUT EVERYONE'S FAVORITE ECHIDNA!

--AND DESPITE ALL
WE'VE BEEN THROUGH
TOGETHER SINCE,
MIGHTY--

--HOW
MUCH I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
KNUCKLES!

KNUX WAS NEVER ONE TO YAK
ABOUT HIMSELF MUCH, EVEN BACK
WHEN I FIRST MET HIM!

I'D
REALLY LOVE
TO HEAR
ANYTHING YOU
COULD TELL
ME!

OH-KAAAY!



YEARS AGO,
WHEN I WAS TEN, I HAD
ESCAPED FROM A PRISON CAMP
WITH THE HELP OF SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG...

* WHERE ROBOTNIK CREATED
LIFELIKE REPLICAS OF FIONA
FOX AND OTHERS FOR HIS OWN
NEFARIOUS PURPOSES, AS
SHOWN IN KNUCKLES
#26 THROUGH 28 - JUSTIN.



"SOON AFTER,
SONIC MET
UP WITH HIS
FRIEND, ROTOR,
AND RETURNED
HOME..."

DON'T BE
A STRANGER,
MIGHTY!
YOU NEITHER, DUDE!



"AND I FOUND
MYSELF ALL
ALONE..."

MOM--DAD--
SIS--EVERYONE
I KNOW--
GONE!
ROBOTICIZED BY
THAT JERK



"UNTIL..."

A SOUND!

THERE'S
SOMETHING
PAST THOSE
BUSHES!



IS IT ROBOTNIK'S
PRISON GAURDS?

HAVE THEY
TRACKED ME?

OH NO I'VE
BEEN--



HEY THERE!

YOU FROM
AROUND THESE
PARTS?

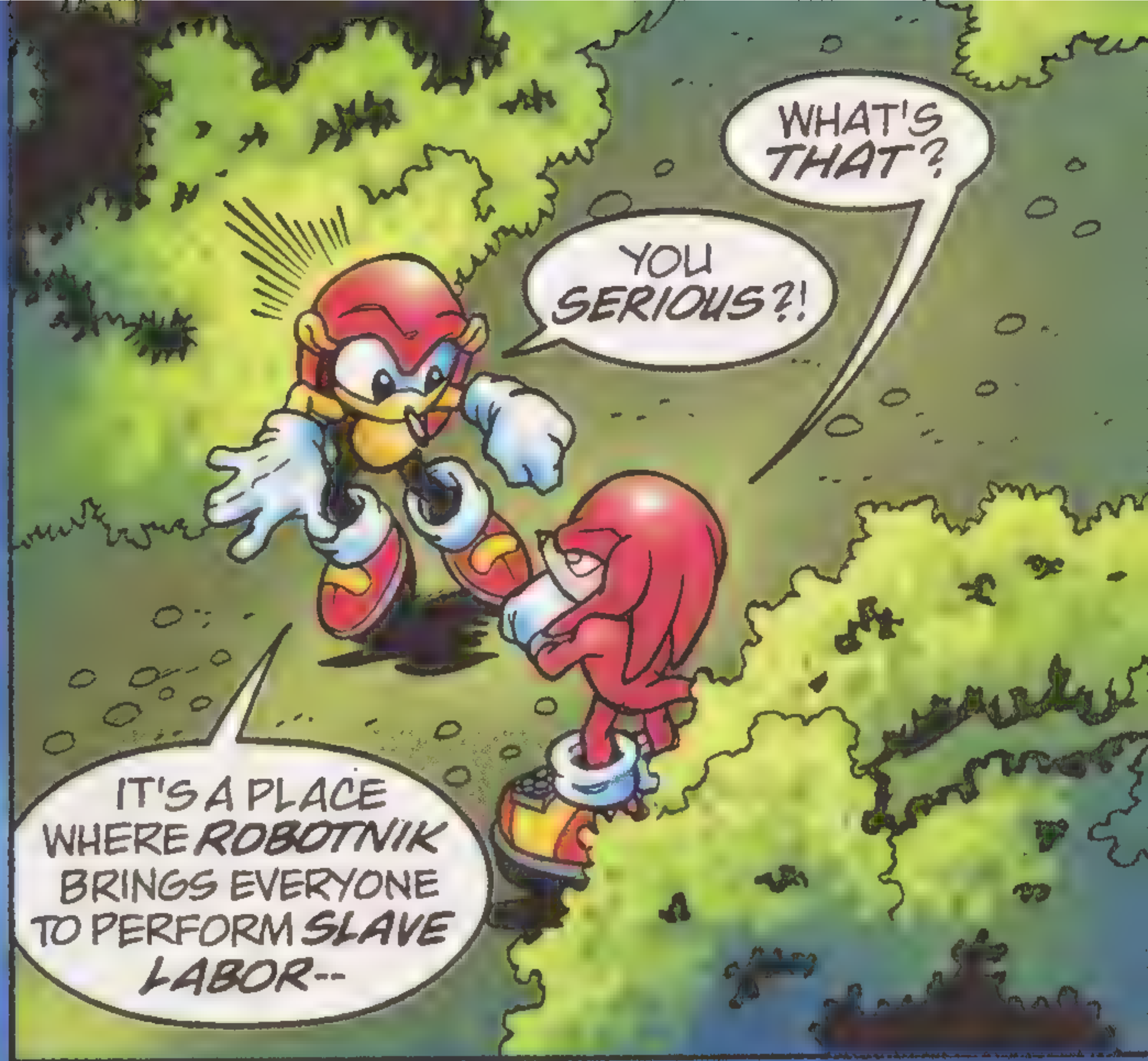
I'M
LOOKING
FOR SOME
INFO!



NAW, I'M NOT FROM ANYWHERE AROUND HERE?

I JUST BROKE OUT OF THE PRISON CAMP BACK THERE,

"PRISON?"



WHAT'S THAT?

YOU SERIOUS?!

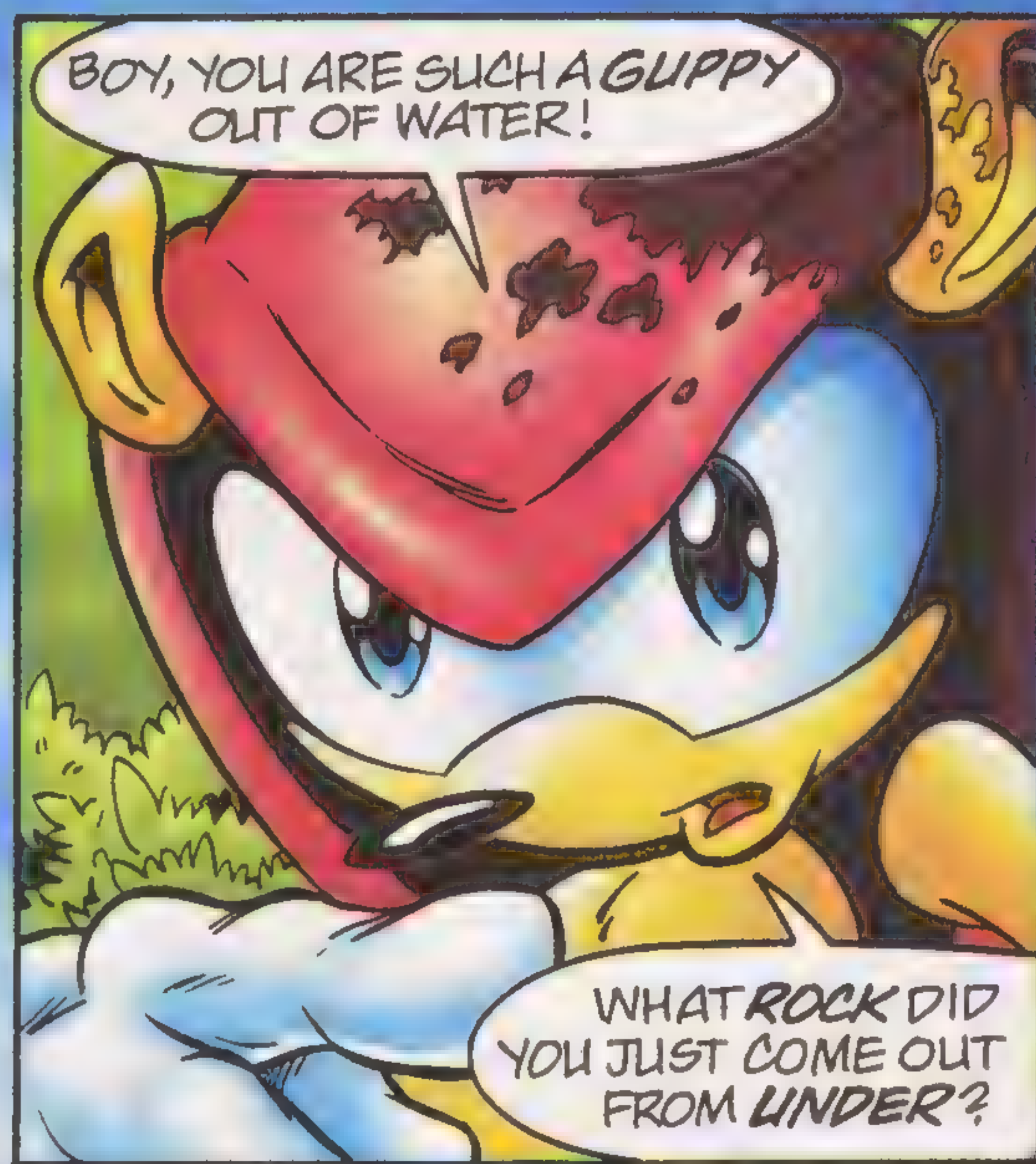
IT'S A PLACE WHERE **ROBOTNIK** BRINGS EVERYONE TO PERFORM **SLAVE LABOR**--



LAB RAT-- SLAVE LABOR-- PRISON--

--OR BE HIS **LAB RAT**!

MAKES MY HEAD **SPIN** WONDERING WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!



BOY, YOU ARE SUCH A **GUPPY** OUT OF WATER!

WHAT **ROCK** DID YOU JUST COME OUT FROM **UNDER**?

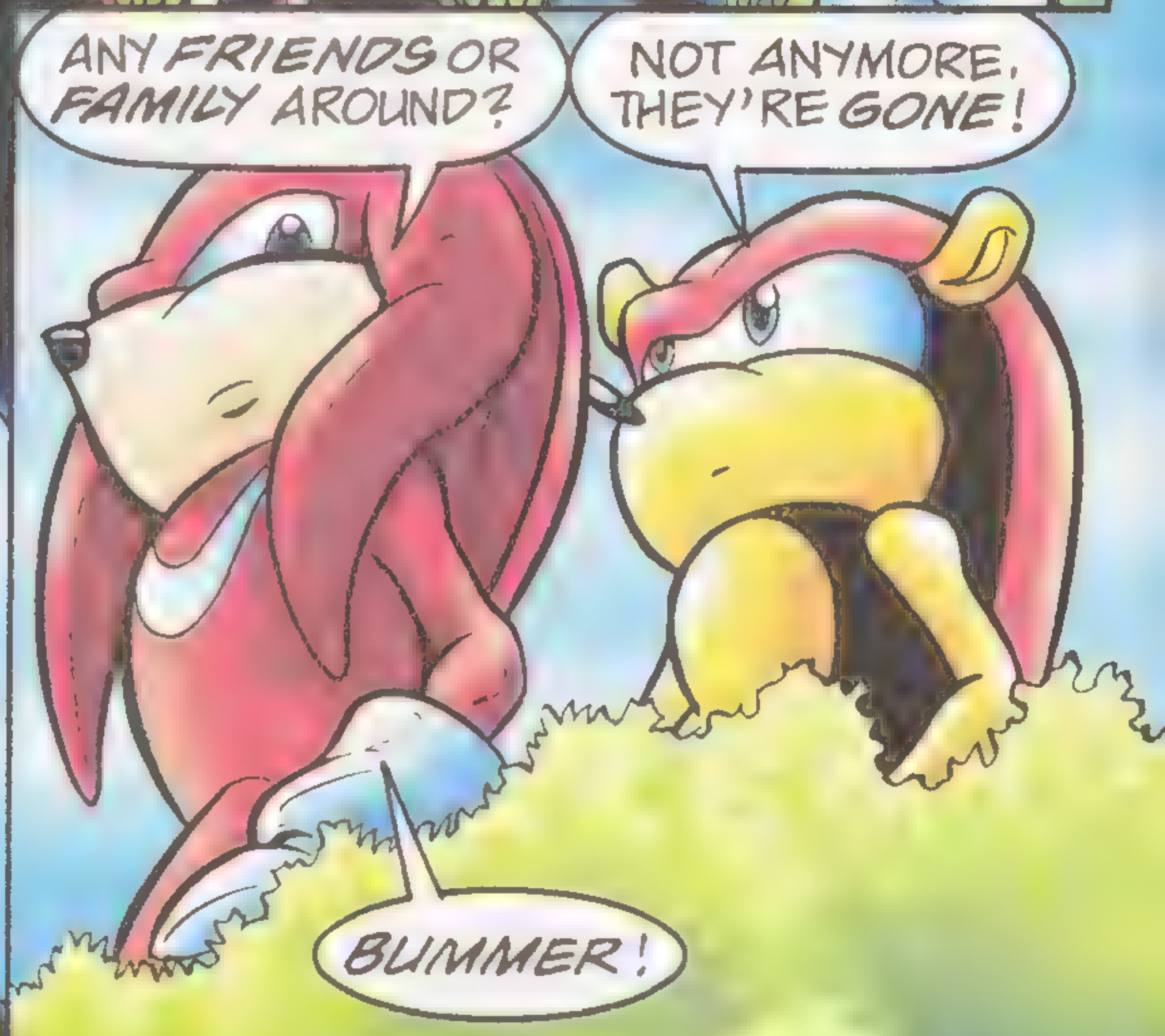
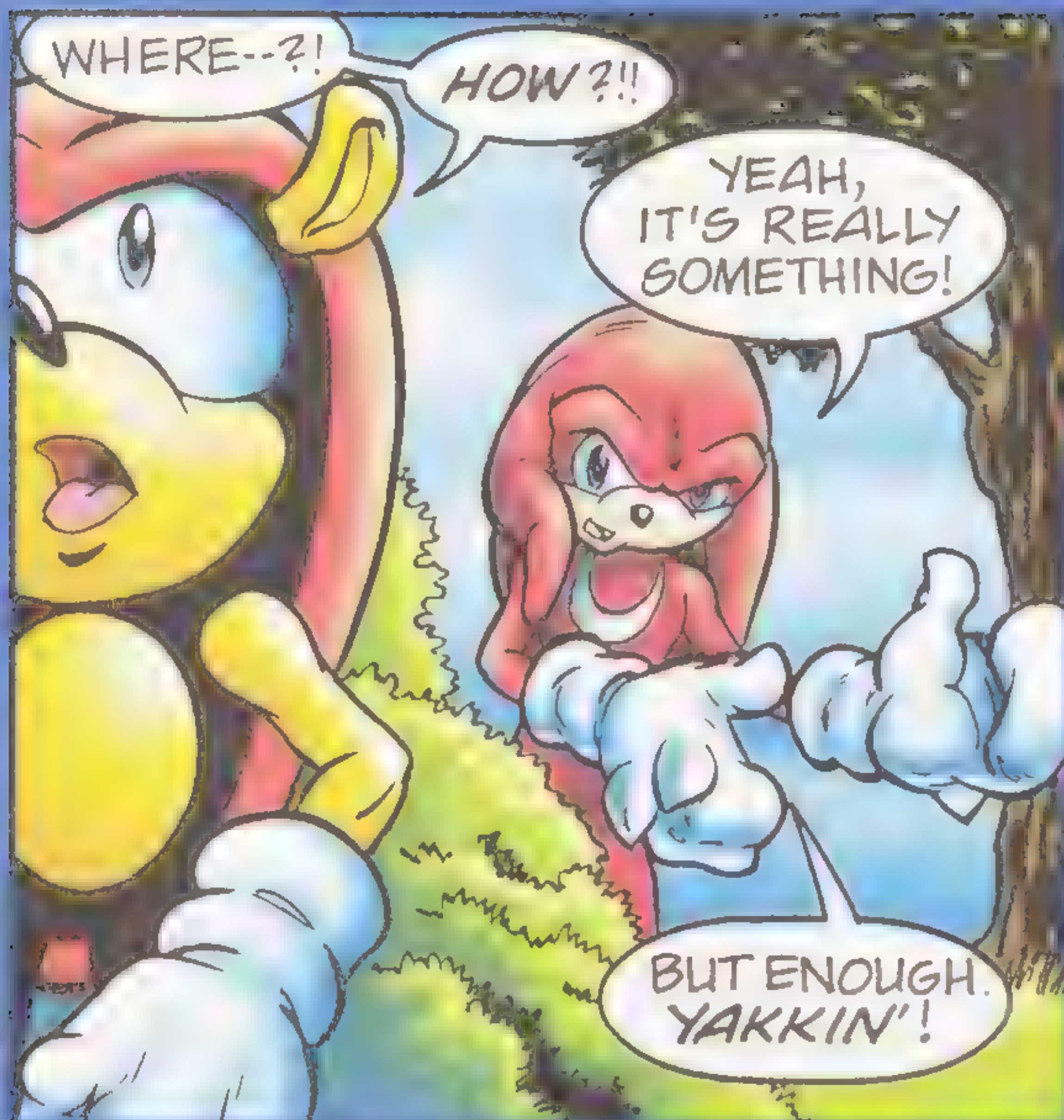


WRONG DIRECTION!

I CAME FROM **UP THERE**--

--THE **FLOATING ISLAND**!

GEEZ, LOUISE!





I KNOW HOW THAT IS!

I LOST MY DAD, TOO!



YOU CAN HANG OUT WITH ME, IF YOU WANT!

YOU PLANNING ON STICKING AROUND?



CAN'T!

I HAVE TO GET BACK!

HOW? YOU FLY?

I SURE CAN'T!



ME EITHER!

BUT WAIT'LL YOU GET A LOAD OF THIS!

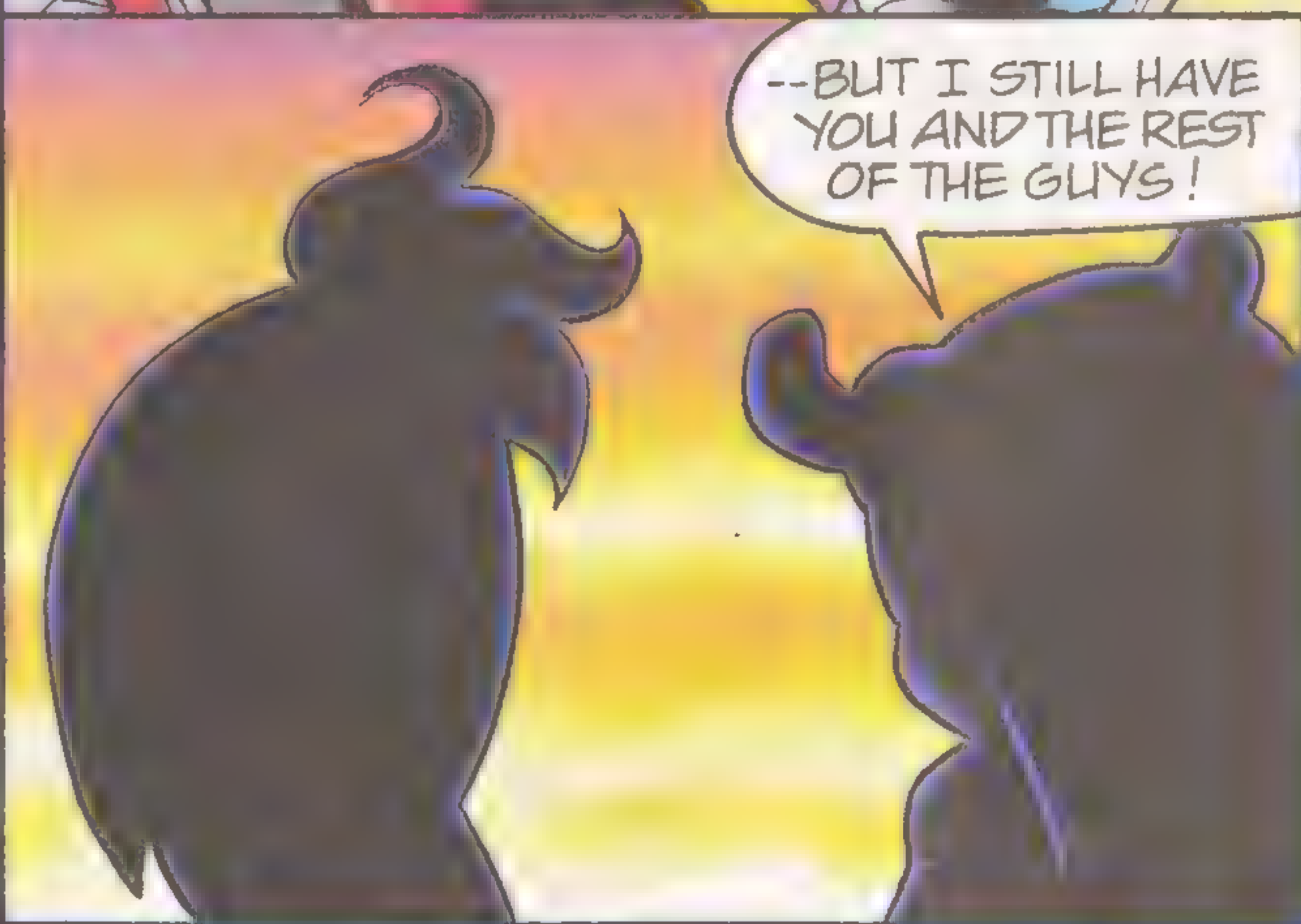
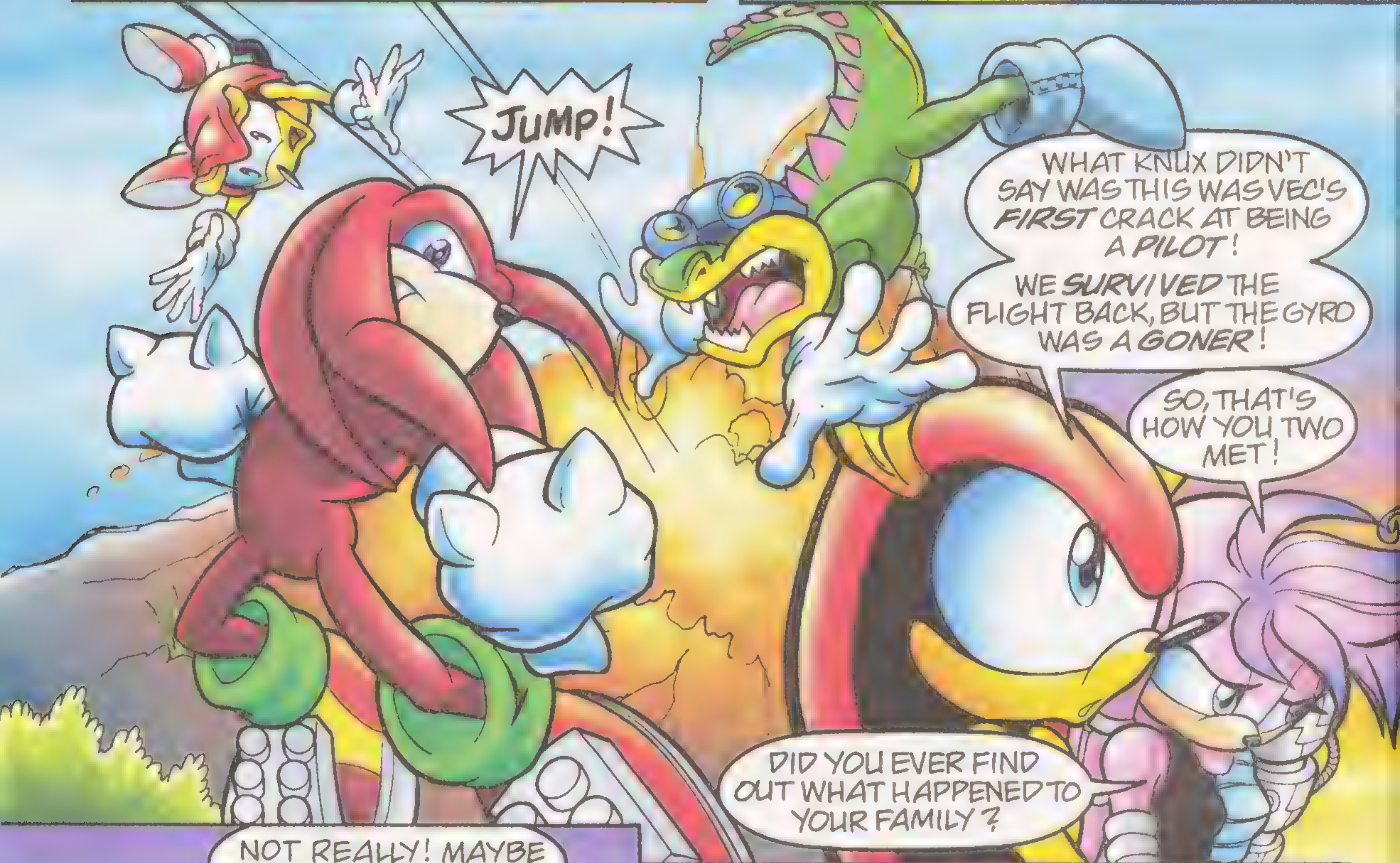
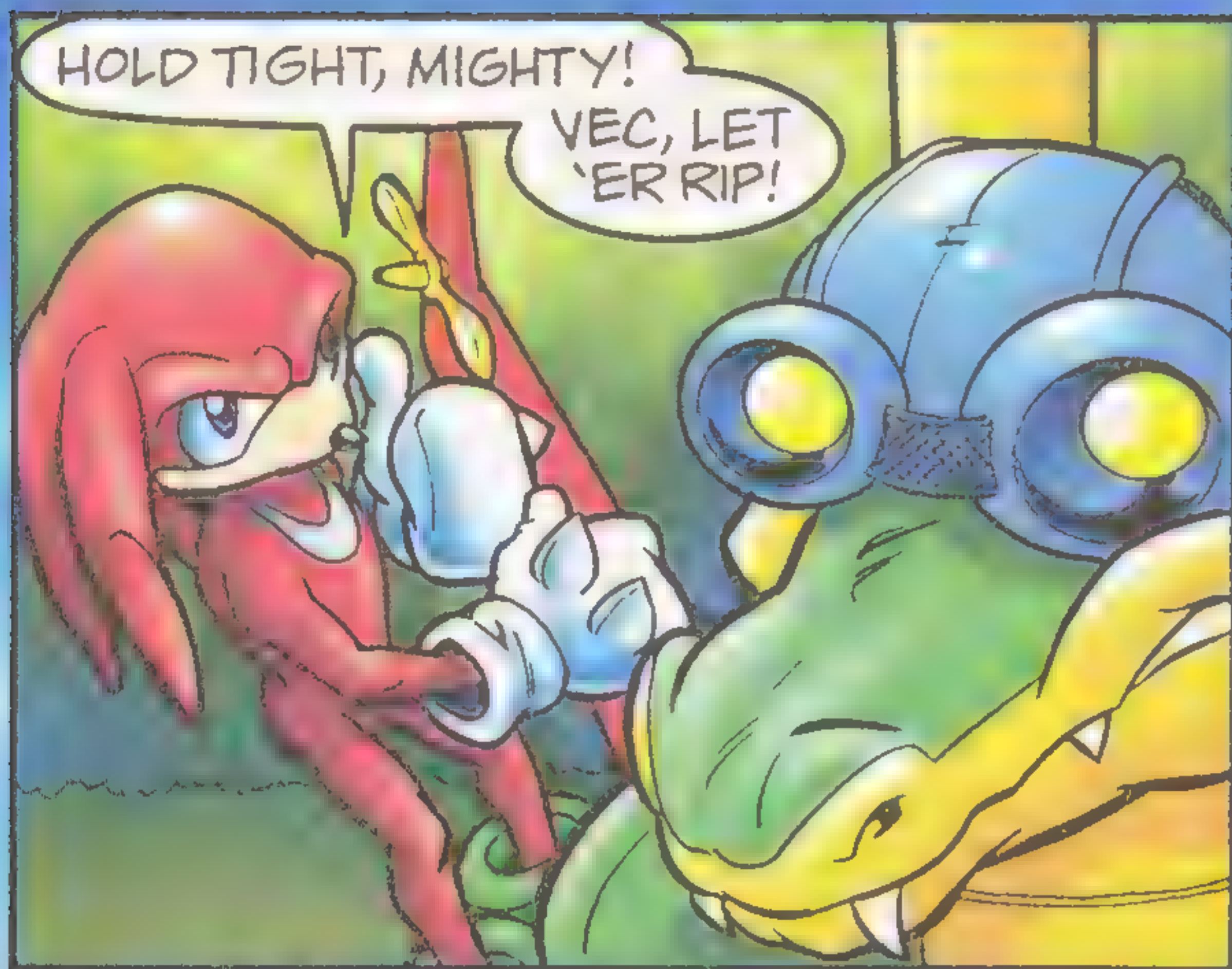


HOLEEEEE---!!!

READY TO ROCK'N'ROLL, VEC?

WE'RE GOOD TO GO ON YOUR SAY-SO--

SO GIVE THE WORD AND WE'RE OFF LIKE A BIRD!



NEXT:
VECTOR SPEAKS HIS PIECE!

The Royal Signet

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JUST LOOK
AT HER. I'M SO GLAD
WE COULD HAVE THESE
TIMES TOGETHER.

WE MISSED SO
MUCH SINCE SHE
WAS TAKEN FROM
ME WHEN I WAS AN
INFANT.

SALLY, TAKE
A GANDER AT
THIS. WHAT A
BEAUTIFUL TULIP,
DON'T YOU
THINK?

FEATURING:

PRINCESS

Sally

IF ANTOINE WERE
HERE HE'D SAY, "ZANK
YOU, MY QUEEN, BUT I
ZINK MY UPPER LIP IS
A LITTLE MORE
ESSS-TINQUISHED OF
MY TWO LIPS,
NON?"

HAHAHAHA...
THAT'S SO
AMUSING.

BRRR...I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE
WORN SOMETHING MORE.

HEY MOM,
LET ME GIVE
YOU MY VEST
TO WEAR.

BUT...

NO BUTS. YOU JUST
GOT OVER A COLD.
I'D PREFER YOU NOT
CATCH IT AGAIN.

OH, I FELT
SOMETHING **HEAVY**
INSIDE THE
POCKET--



IT'S...IT'S
THE **ROYAL**
SIGNET!



I HAD THIS RING MADE AFTER
YOUR BIRTH AND GAVE IT TO **JULAYLA**,
YOUR FUTURE INSTRUCTOR FOR SAFE-
KEEPING BEFORE MY SUPPOSED **DEATH**.

AFTER MY
RETURN, I
NEVER SAW IT
ON YOUR FINGER
I ASSUMED YOU
NEVER **RECEIVED**
IT.

WHY DO YOU NOT
WEAR IT? DO YOU NOT
THINK IT SPECIAL ENOUGH?



OF COURSE I **DO**, MOM. THAT'S
WHY I KEEP IT CHAINED TO THE INSIDE
OF MY VEST. I DIDN'T WANT **LOSE** IT
DURING ONE OF MY MISSIONS. **JULAYLA**
WOULD HAVE--



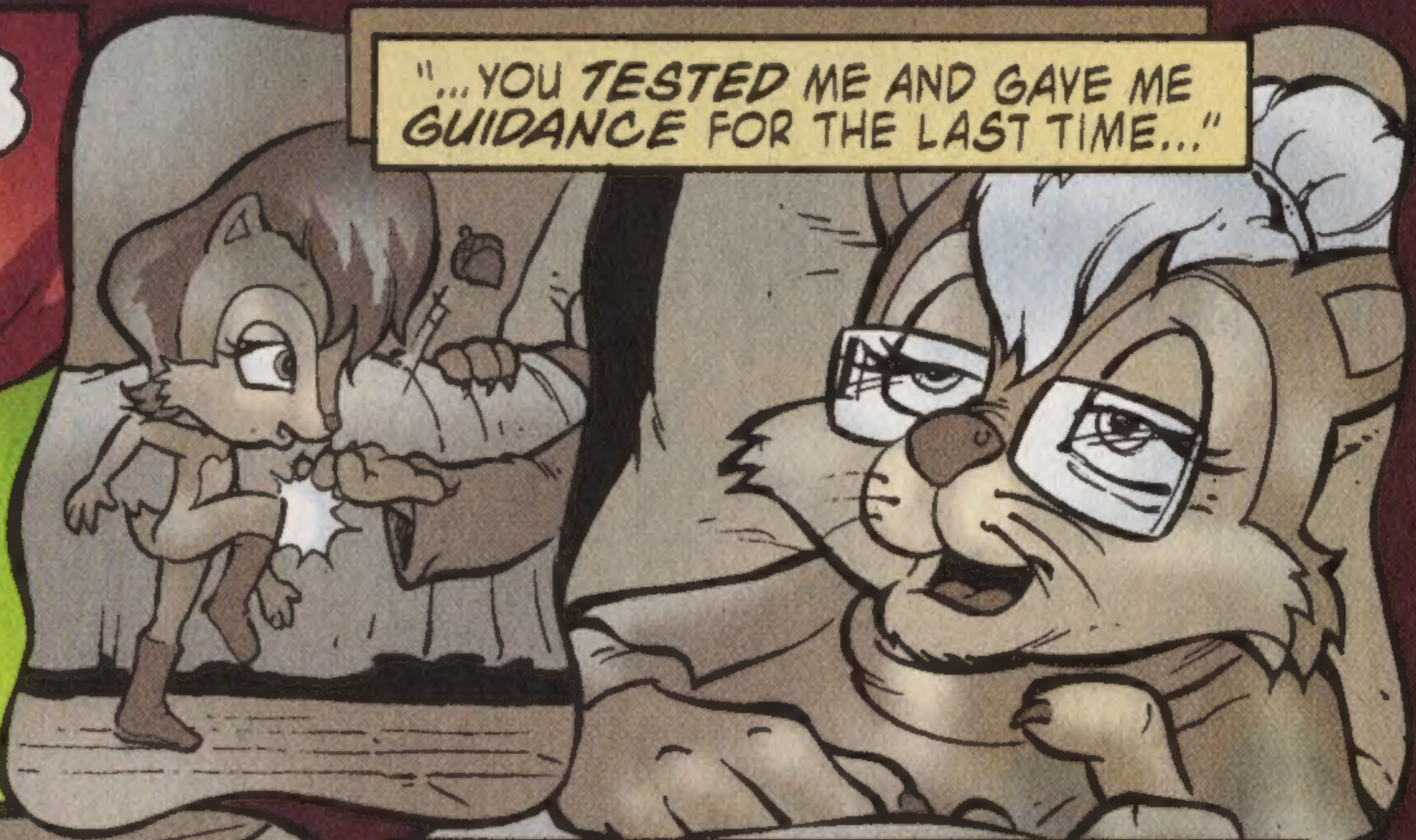
OH MY GOSH!
HOW COULD I BE
SO FORGETFUL...?



HI, **ROSIE**.
AM I TOO
LATE?

I KNEW YOU
WOULD COME SOONER
OR LATER, SO I
DECIDED TO **WAIT**.







AND I DID HAVE THE STRENGTH... TO BE THE LEADER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AGAINST ROBOTNIK, AND ONE DAY, BE THE FUTURE QUEEN TO THE FREE PEOPLE OF MOBIUS.

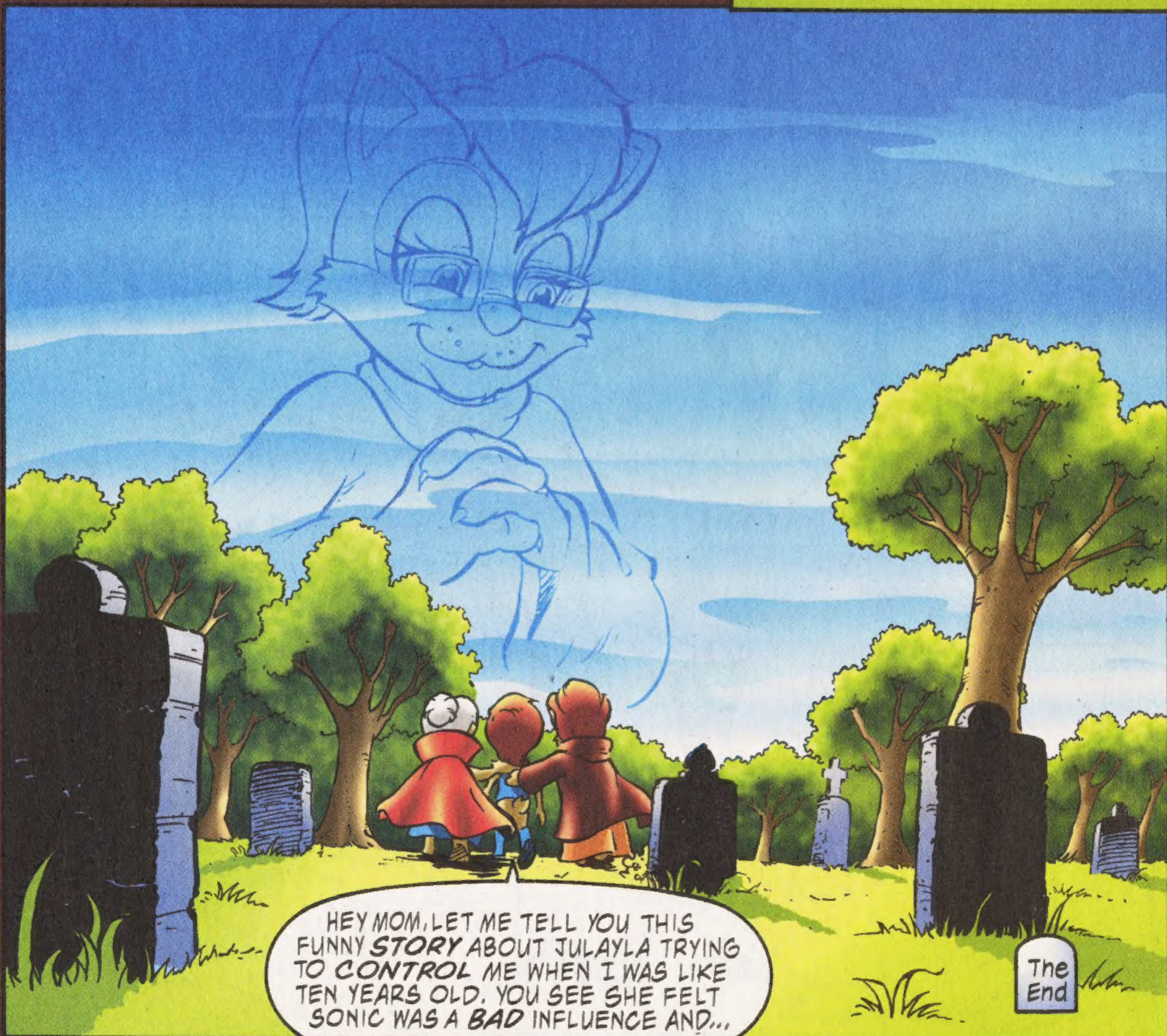


AND I *THANK* YOU FOR THAT WITH ALL MY HEART AND SOUL.

I LOVE YOU, TEACHER. MAY YOU CONTINUE TO REST IN PEACE.

AND I *SECOND* THAT, OLD FRIEND. I WILL FOREVER BE IN YOUR *DEBT* FOR THE WONDERFUL JOB YOU AND ROSIE DID RAISING MY LITTLE SALLY INTO SUCH A RESPONSIBLE AND RE-SOURCEFUL YOUNG LADY.

YOU WOULD BE *PROUD*, AS I AM OF HER.



HEY MOM, LET ME TELL YOU THIS FUNNY *STORY* ABOUT JULAYLA TRYING TO *CONTROL* ME WHEN I WAS LIKE TEN YEARS OLD. YOU SEE SHE FELT SONIC WAS A *BAD* INFLUENCE AND...

The End